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e moves on proposed 'racino' bill

Scott Spielman
Editor

A stricter version of a bill designed to allow the installation of Video Lottery Terminals (VLTs) in racetracks in the State of Michigan was approved by the Senate last week, but the plan hasn't made everyone happy.

State Sen. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton) said he only voted on the issue to move the process along and further debate on the topic and has yet to give it his full support.

"I don't support gambling. I'm not satisfied with this bill," he said. "But there is a possibility that we could really make a considerable improvement in the current state of gaming and gambling addiction that is the status quo. As a lawyer who is an optimist, I am looking to improve the status quo, not complain about the current condition."

Patterson's district includes the City of Northville, which houses Northville Downs, one of the current racetracks in the State of Michigan. He offered amendments to the bill, House Bill 4610, that would offer a measure of protection to the residents of the small town, as well as provide for a more detailed designation for any racetrack funds.

One amendment gave the city the ability to vote on the inclusion of VTLs at the track, which is about 100 years old. City officials have been concerned about that plan, and said that they fear the increased strain on city resources, and a complete change of the character of their community.

Other amendments to the proposed bill include a stipulation that revenue from the tracks will be set aside and used to combat gambling addiction, increase the funding for school districts, put the funds directly back into the community rather than have the money be allocated through the state appropriations process, and ensure that funds go to police departments throughout the state, regardless of whether their respective communities host a racetrack.

"If someone has to steal to support a gambling habit, there's no guarantee they'll do it (at a racetrack community)," Patterson said. "They could do it anywhere."

He said there was no guarantee that the amendments would be in the final bill, but that he wouldn't vote for it if it didn't include protections for Northville.

"There's no way I'm going to vote for this without satisfying the needs of Northville," he said. "Nobody should assume I'm going to vote for this. I just wanted to move the process along."

The House of Representatives rejected the Senate-altered version of the bill and referred it instead to a conference committee. That committee will be made up of three representatives each from the House and the Senate. Two members from each side will be from the majority party – Republicans – and the other member will be from the minority party, Patterson said. A simple

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Going up...

Romulus Department of Public Works employees erected a restored windmill donated to the city by the Mach family 12 years ago. The windmill was originally located on the property where the Mach family owned greenhouses off Merriman south of Ecorse. The windmill was kept in storage for many years and later brought to the park in need of repair. In a joint project, the City of Romulus, the historical commission and the historical society worked together to bring the windmill at the City of Romulus Historic Park.

Injection well issue heats up, stay requested

Ashley Lawrence
Staff Writer

The hazardous waste injection well isn't a dead issue in Romulus.

Sunoco Oil filed a petition with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) asking them to reconsider an exemption issued to Environmental Disposal Systems (EDS) in March.

The exemption freed EDS from federal restrictions on land disposal of hazardous waste for two injection wells located in the city.

Tim Keyes, the economic development director for Romulus said that Sunoco has received all the necessary permits from the state to begin to operate brine disposal and extraction wells in the same formation as EDS.

Environmental Disposal Systems, a company that disposes of hazardous waste would use the wells, which are about 4,200 feet below the surface, to hold hazardous liquid wastes, including acids and heavy metals like mercury, chromium and nickel.

"The problem is that both of these companies cannot have use of the wells," said Keyes.

Keyes said that Sunoco plans to store natural gas for future use in the formation. When the gas is in demand, Sunoco would then bring up the gas and replace it with brine or salt water.

If EDS is also allowed use of the wells to dump the hazardous waste, Sunoco would bring the

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Community challenged to get healthy

Ashley Lawrence
Staff Writer

Romulus City Council members approved a resolution Monday night officially making the summer of 2004 the "Get Moving, Get Healthy" season in the community.

Gina Wilson, director of the Pen Enrichment Community Center in Romulus, said she is trying to make sure that Romulus never usurps the City of Detroit as the fattest city in the country by putting together a health fair from 2-7 p.m. Wednesday, May 12.

"I don't think anyone in Romulus wants this city to be known as the fattest," said Wilson. "So, we are going to do something about it."

The health fair will mark the beginning of a campaign for Romulus citizens to lose weight and get healthy this summer, said Wilson.

"Some people take for granted that they are healthy and never change the way they eat or exercise until something happens," she said. "This program is designed to change that way of thinking and have fun doing it."

Citizens wishing to take part in the event will be able to get "weighed in" at five locations in Romulus; the Romulus Public Library, the Pentecostal Baptist Church, the Wick Elementary and Merriman Elementary Boys and Girls Club sites and at the Romulus Police Station.

"Medical assistants from the Dorsey Medical School have volunteered to come and weigh people in," she said. "Just so people know that it is being done by professionals and it is purely confidential. No one else in the city will know how much you weigh."

This was a point that was well received as Councilwoman Debbie Romak jokingly asked that the confidentiality clause go into the resolution approved by council.

Also on May 12 at the Romulus Public Library, staff members from Oakwood Hospital and Garden City Hospital will perform free health screenings.

"They will do blood pressure checks, diabetes and stroke assessments and cholesterol checks," said Wilson. "It is all part of getting healthy."

Other participating organizations include the American Heart Association, the American Diabetes Association, Curves, the Romulus Parks and Recreation

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City council reinstates citizens advisory council

Ashley Lawrence
Staff Writer

The Romulus City Council unanimously approved the reinstatement of the Citizen's Advisory Council (CAC) Monday night.

The CAC serves as an advisory committee to the Romulus Downtown Development Authority (DDA), but it has not been in existence for a number of years, according to Tim Keyes, economic development director for Romulus.

"I would say that it has not existed since the late 80s or early 90s," said Keyes. "But we are looking at everything to update existing plans and we believe that there is a necessity for such a council."

Keyes said that because the current DDA plan is being revised there is a stipulation that if more than 100 citizens live in the district a CAC is mandatory.

"There are more than 100 citizens and beyond that I think and the DDA believes that it is important for the citizens to have a say in what happens downtown," said Keyes. "The intent of the council is to let the voices of the residents be heard and taken into consideration when making decisions."

The decision to amend the current DDA plan is designed to

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Johnson Creek activists plan 'walk'

Scott Spielman
Editor

Activists intent on preserving the Johnson Creek in Northville and Plymouth townships are hoping a little additional exposure will attract more people to their ongoing efforts.

That's part of the goal of the annual Johnson Creek Day event, according to Michele West, secretary for the Johnson Creek Protection Group (JCPG). The other goals of the event, which takes place on May 15, is to reward those who have been so active in the preservation efforts and to educate the community about the unique natural feature.

This year, the group is trying to attract a new crowd of volunteers into the fold, she said. One of the new events that will take place that day is a trail run or walk which starts at 9:30 for adults and 10:30 for children aged 8 and under.

"The course gives people the chance to walk or run right along the creek," she said. "It focuses on the natural features of the creek."

The course begins and ends at Community Park in Northville Township, off Beck Road just north of Five Mile Road.

From there the activities shift to Fish Hatchery Park, along Seven Mile Road west of Sheldon Road in Northville. The pond there will be stocked with fish and members of the Michigan Fly Fishing Club will be on hand to give fly-fishing demonstrations.

There will be more educational activities that day, too. Jim McGrath from Nature Discovery, will give a presentation with live snakes, turtles and frogs at 1 p.m. At 2 p.m., members of the Michigan Bat Conservancy will be on hand with live bats, owls and flying squirrels, West said.

Shortly after that Doug Sweet from the Belle Isle Aquarium, will give a presentation on mussels in the creek.

"They're a big indicator to the water quality," West said. "The Rouge River used to have a lot of different species of mussels. Now it's dwindled."

The Johnson Creek headwaters are in Salem Township and it meanders through Northville and Plymouth Township, eventually connecting to the Rouge River. It has long been a secret paradise for local anglers, but development has encroached in the vicinity and threatened the habitat of many diverse types of plant and animal species. The creek is unique in that it is the only natural cold water tributary for the Rouge River.

Registration for the trail runs and walk begins at 8 a.m. The deadline has already expired for early registration, so the cost of taking part of the event is $20 for adults, but a t-shirt is included in the price. For more information or for registration forms, visit the web site at www.jcpg.com.

"Space is limited, but there's still plenty of room for people to sign up," West said.

All events are open to the public.

"We want to bring in a little different audience," she said. "We want to reach out to new people."

Brenna Shortel, 10, and her sisters Clare, 8, and Colleen, 5, worked together to come up with the winning entry for the logo contest for Johnson Creek Day.

The Johnson Creek Watershed, with headwaters in Salem Township, is vital to the overall health of the Rouge River Watershed.

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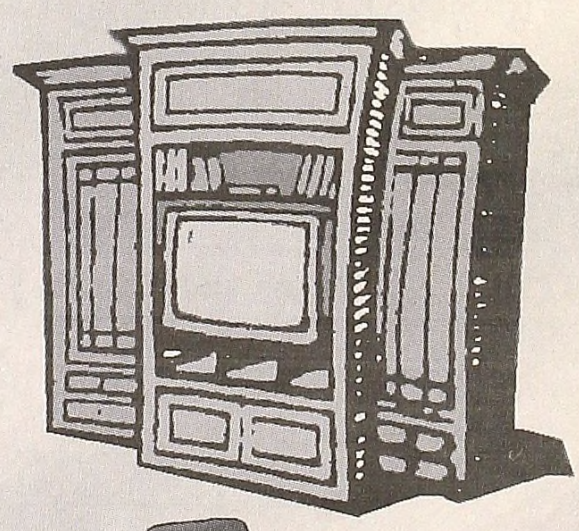

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Business helps new animal shelter

Ashley Lawrence
Staff Writer

Building a new animal shelter in Romulus has long been more than just a hobby for City Councilman William Wadsworth. It has become a mission.

The mission started Jan. 8, 2003, when Wadsworth introduced a resolution to Romulus City Council members, to allow him to create a "Friends for the New Romulus Animal Shelter" account at city hall. This account is set up so that anyone can make a tax-free contribution to the fund and at the same time do something good for the animals, he said.

"I am doing this because it is something that I believe in," said Wadsworth. "It is great when people in the community help to make this shelter possible."

Captain Nemo's Sub Shop in Romulus is also helping to generate funds for the new shelter. On May 11, Captain Nemo's will donate 20 percent of all profits for the day to the Friends of the Animal Shelter fund. There will also be a jar on the counter and funds up to $500 will be matched by the store.

"I think it is wonderful when businesses in the community help this cause and other causes as well," said Wadsworth. "I wish more businesses would follow Captain Nemo's lead."

The Romulus fire fighters announced at the city council meeting that they would sponsor a pancake breakfast fundraiser with all profits going to the Friends of the Animal Shelter. The event is scheduled from 8 a.m. to noon on May 22 in the cafeteria of Romulus High School.

"A lot of people want to help raise money for a new shelter," said Wadsworth. "Seventy percent of the money raised has come from local residents. The more help the better."

Local schools have also done their part in fundraising for the new shelter. Many Romulus elementary schools have held fundraisers for the cause. Barth Elementary donated $1,400 to the fund.

To date, just less than $50,000 has been contributed to the fund. However, this falls short of the cost to build the new shelter, which is estimated at $250,000 to $300,000.

"So, come out and support this cause and eat as many submarine sandwiches as you can on May 11 at Captain Nemo's," said Wadsworth. "Then come and eat pancakes on May 22."

Captain Nemo's is located at 12033 South Huron River Dr. in Romulus.

For more information on either fundraiser contact Wadsworth at (734) 941-0616.

Center asks residents to give blood

Ashley Lawrence
Staff Writer

Every 21 seconds, a traumatic brain injury occurs in the United States, many of which are the result of automobile accidents, according to Jennifer Rusinowski, communications manager for Special Tree Rehabilitation Center in Romulus.

Many of these victims are in need of blood immediately following their accidents.

"It is more important than ever to keep the blood supply in good standing," said Rusinowski. "So, we are trying to do what we can to help."

Special Tree Rehabilitation System will host the 4th annual blood drive coordinated by the American Red Cross from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 24.

Special Tree is an independent system with more than 18 facilities, including the Romulus NeuroCare Center located on Chase Road.

"We understand how important it is for members of the community to give blood to help these victims and so we believe that by holding this blood drive and bringing attention to it we can and will make a difference," said Rusinowski. "Our goal is to get as many people involved as we can."

Rusinowski said that Special Tree is calling on members of the Romulus, Belleville and New Boston/Huron Township areas to participate in the blood drive this year.

"Usually we just do a blood drive within our own staff," she said. "But this year we decided to try and make it bigger by asking for help from the surrounding communities."

Eligible candidates must be healthy to give blood. Candidates must also be at least 17 years old, weigh 110 pounds and not have donated blood within the last 56 days.

If a person is being treated for a chronic condition such as diabetes or high blood pressure, the condition must be under control. Other aspects of a potential donor's health history will be discussed as part of the donation process before any blood is collected. Each door will also receive a brief examination during which temperature, pulse, blood pressure and blood count will be measured.

"I know that the Red Cross is always looking for those with O-negative blood to donate, because it is the universal blood type and be used for anyone in need," said Rusinowski.

First time donors are welcome to participate and all donors must bring a valid driver's license or blood donor card to the event. To register for a donation time or for more information call, Irene Sloan at (734) 941-1142 ext. 114 or email at irenesloan@special-tree.com.

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keep it current with what is happening in the downtown area, said Keyes.

"We are talking about improvements to the downtown area, including public art and new sidewalks," he said. "Plans can grow old and we are just ensuring that the Romulus DDA plan stays current to accommodate the things we are looking into doing in the district."

In order to serve on the CAC residents must live in the DDA district and be at least 18 years old. Nine names were submitted to the Romulus City Council Monday night for consideration to serve on the council.

Anyone interested in serving on the CAC, who meets the requirements, should send a letter of interest to the DDA, Attention Maria Lambert at 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI, 48174.

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Department and the City of Romulus.

The "get moving-get healthy" campaign will continue through the summer with monthly seminars. June will be exercising and stretching month for the participants, July will be healthy eating month and August will be the walk-a-thon month. There will also be periodic weigh-ins throughout the summer.

The challenge will end in September with the final weigh-in during Pumpkin Fest.

"Our goal is for Romulus to lose 10,000 pounds during the challenge. So, if 500 people lose 20 pounds, we have met our goal," she said. "I am sure that there are 500 people in Romulus that could stand to lose 20 pounds."

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majority won't be enough to return it to the floor for consideration, either. Four members of the committee have to approve the legislation, but those four members must be made up of two House Representatives and two Senators.

"You've got so much at stake here that all the powerful people will be involved," Patterson said.

The issue has peaked interest in the proliferation of racetracks across the state. There are currently several racetrack licenses pending, according to the Office of the Racing Commissioner.

They are: Michigan Downs, Romulus, Magna Entertainment; Triple Creek, Allen Park/Van Buren Township, Sam Danou; Xanadu World, Highland Park, David Tomby; Meritis, Taylor, Don Barden; and Meritis, Westland, Don Barden.

There are two licenses available under current law, one for the City of Detroit and one for the Detroit Suburbs.

Romulus Mayor Alan Lambert said he was in favor of the legislation.

"I have to admit that I am very happy about the way the bill reads right now," he said. "The City of Romulus is going to receive much more money from the racino that we first anticipated. That is going to help this city."

Patterson said the conference committee process doesn't have to be a long one. He said the legislature could vote on the issue before they break for the summer.

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hazardous waste to the surface when it brought up the gas. The EPA contends that based on an extensive review of the EDS petition for exemption and other information, such as scientific data and public comments, "the waste will stay confined to a layer of rock deep underground and will not threaten human health or the environment."

This is an issue of concern to many residents, as well as elected officials.

Congressman John Dingell (D-Dearborn Heights) is backing the petition filed by Sunoco. In a letter to Michael Leavitt, the administrator of the EPA, Dingell voiced his concerns and objections to the exemption and questioned Leavitt on the reasoning behind the issuance of it.

"I have more than one objection to the issuance of this exemption to EDS," said Dingell. "I have not been satisfied that the health and welfare of the people in this area will be protected and I do not believe that this exemption coincides with the requirements of the law."

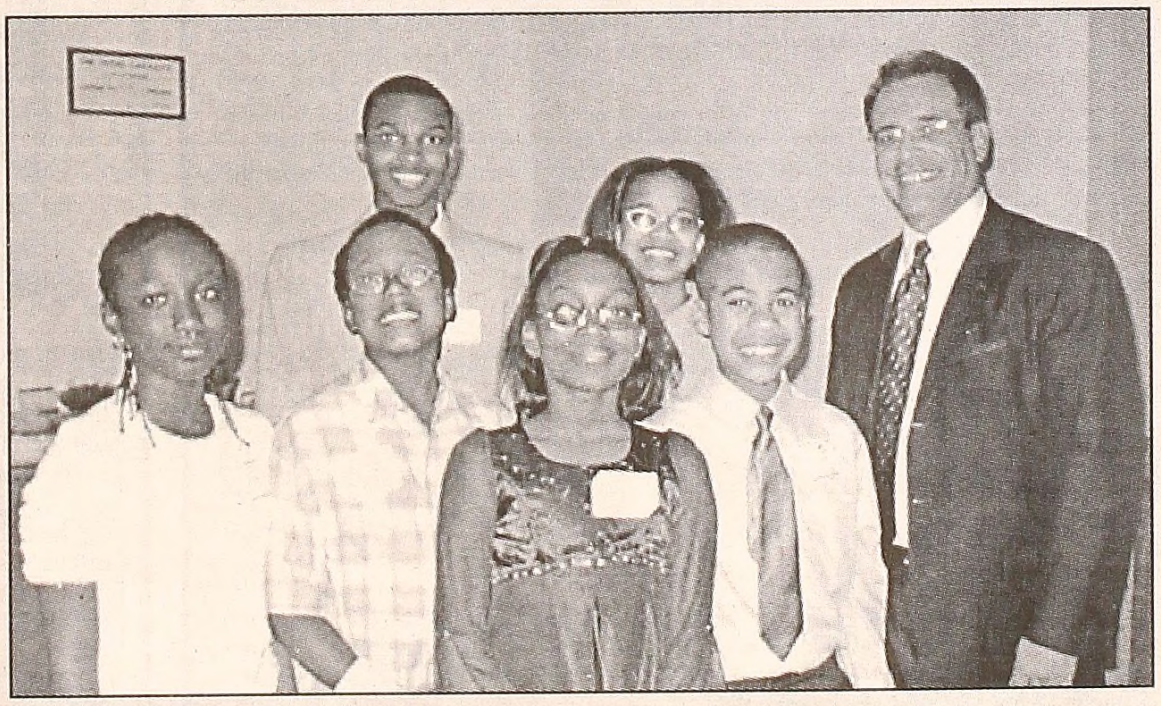
Dingell said he is concerned with the possibility of migration from the EDS hazardous disposal site and the Sunoco Oil brine solution site, which are less than one mile apart.

The exemption was made on the condition that the EPA would automatically terminate it, if Sunoco began extracting from the injection zone.

The Michigan Supreme Court may still hear a case, which was filed by the cities of Romulus and Taylor against the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) and EDS as an intervening appellee, for allowing EDS to build a hazardous waste facility on wetlands in Romulus.

State Sen. Ray Basham (D-Taylor) will be hosting a town hall meeting at 6:30 p.m. on May 24 at Romulus High School regarding the looming injection well controversy. Local, state and federal representatives, as well as the MDEQ director, Steve Chester will be on hand to answer questions from the public. Keyes said all residents are encouraged to attend.

"This meeting is designed to keep the residents of this city informed about what is going on with this issue," said Keyes. "We want people to come and ask questions."



Helping hand

Wayne County Chief Executive Robert Ficano teamed up with Detroit Lions coach Steve Mariucci for the benefit of area youth at the first-ever Steak and Burger Dinner for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan. The dinner generated more than $75,000 for seven Wayne County Boys and Girls Clubs, including Romulus. Ficano is pictured with six of the more than 500 members of the Romulus chapter.

Yankee Air Museum launches fund drive

Andrea King
Staff Writer

The Yankee Air Museum is rising to new heights in hopes to raise $55 million.

Museum volunteers and aviation fanatics are working on a 15-year campaign to generate funds to build several new buildings and contribute to the restoration of the current hangar at Willow Run Airport.

Jon Stevens, Yankee Air Museum president, said that the 1942 wooden hangar needs new bricks and mortar.

The first goal of the group is to generate $5 million to build a single hangar for the vintage aircraft that is still operational, a B-17 bomber, B-25 bomber, a C-47 cargo plane and a Stinson aircraft. The new building would become the restoration area for aircraft that will never fly again, according to Stevens.

"We've been in the old building since 1984," said Stevens. "We started with a great big building that was empty and now we are packed to the rafters. We have outgrown the building."

In the future, the museum could include a library, a conference room, a theme restaurant, futuristic aviation and a rebuilt version of the air base that existed in World War II.

"Over the 23 years we've been in existence we have acquired a large number of things going back to World War I," said Stevens. "The sooner we can get things built the better."

The campaign began last Thursday at the Eagles Crest Golf Club in Ypsilanti Township. The Michigan Aeronautics Foundation, established three years ago, will raise the funds for the project.

> *We have so many wonderful stories that need to be told that are not taught in schools.*
>
> ***Jon Stevens***

"Our concern is having a better facility, but preserving the 1940s flavor," said Stevens. "We have so many wonderful stories that need to be told that are not taught in schools. Like any other aspect of history, it is about the people and telling their stories and we want to preserve those stories."

Annual operating revenue for the museum comes from admissions, memberships, plane rides and grants from the government. They are working on new programs to draw more visitors and to grow their membership, said Stevens.

"Our plane rides on the B-25 and B-17 planes give us a significant source of extra income to help support the museum," said Stevens.

Stevens said that the museum is dedicated to the local history of a very significant time in America. The number of different types of equipment, artifacts and models deserve to be reserved and shown to people, he said.

"If you're a car person, you're an airplane person and you just don't know it yet," said Stevens. "I don't care how old you are it's neat being around planes."

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Van Buren Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler, Van Buren Township, MI 48111, on Wednesday May 26, 2004 to consider the following:

An ordinance to amend the zoning ordinance 6-2-92 an amended to the Charter Township of Van Buren to establish new regulations for Planned Elderly Housing Development (PEHD) as follows:

ARTICLE VII to include a new subsection titled SECTION 7.04.A - PLANNED ELDERLY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT (PEHD).

A complete text of the proposed amendment will be available for review at the Township Department of Developmental Services Office. Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00 p.m. on the hearing date.

In spirit of compliance with the American with Disabilities Act, individuals with disability should fee free to contact the Department of Developmental Services at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

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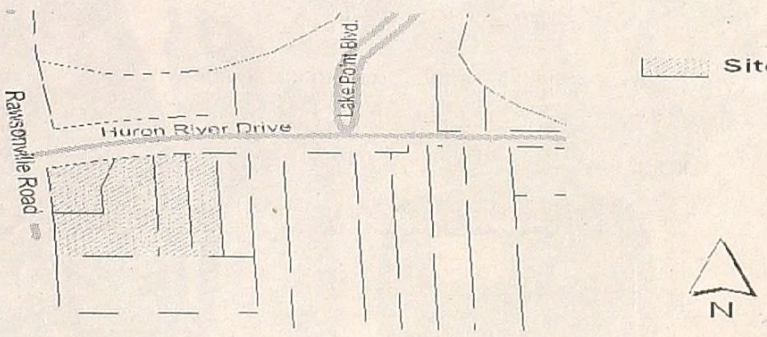
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, May 18, 2004 at 7:30 p.m., in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, Michigan

The Public Hearing relates to the following described property: Parcel number V125-83-118-99-0021-702 approximately 1.94 acres is located on the south side of Huron Drive between Rawsonville Road and Fairview Court. A map indicating the location of the subject site is included below.



The applicant is requesting special use approval. A special use approval is required for a drive-through window per Section 13.03 (e) of the Zoning Ordinance. Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00p.m., May 18, 2004, the hearing date.

In the spirit of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Developmental Services at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

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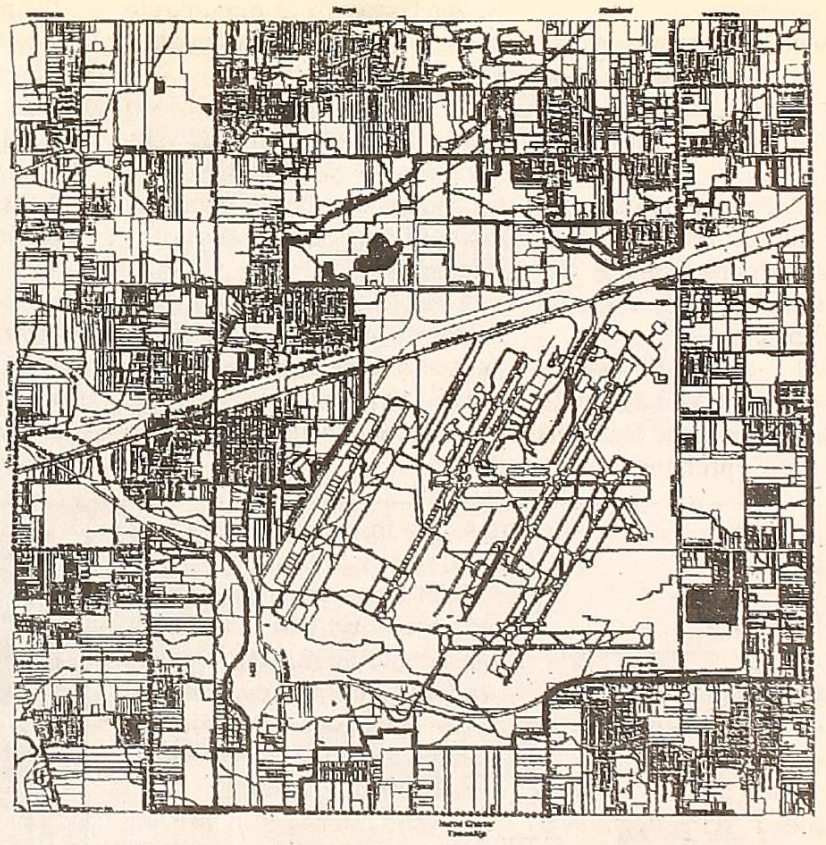
CITY OF ROMULUS
COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON APPROVAL OF AMENDED AND RESTATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLAN (DISTRICT II) OF THE TAX INCREMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS IN THE CITY OF ROMULUS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Romulus, Michigan, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, the 25th day of May, 2004, at 6:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time in the City Council Chambers, Romulus City Hall 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan to consider the adoption of a resolution approving the Amended and Restated Development Plan and Tax Increment Finance Plan (the "Amended and Restated Plan") for the Development Area designated as District II (the "Development Area") of the Tax Increment Finance Authority. of the City of Romulus pursuant to Act 450, Public Acts of Michigan, 1980, as amended.

The boundaries of the Development Area to which the Amended and Restated Plan applies are generally as follows:



The proposed amendments among other things update the scope of projects for the Development Area and amend the boundaries of the Development Area. Copies of the proposed Amended and Restated Plan, together with maps, plats, and other materials pertaining to the Amended and Restated Plan are on file at the office of the City Clerk for inspection during regular business hours.

At the public hearing, all aspects of the Amended and Restated Plan will be open for discussion, and all interested persons desiring to address the City Council shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard in regard to the approval of the Amended and Restated Plan for the Tax Increment Finance Authority of the City of Romulus.

FURTHER INFORMATION may be obtained from the Economic Development Director of the City of Romulus.

THIS NOTICE is given by order of the City Council of the City of Romulus, Michigan.

LINDA R. CHOATE, CMC
City Clerk

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Going to the dogs

Wayne officer takes over local canine training business

Scott Spielman
Editor

"This is the best job in the police department. I'll be the first one to tell you," said Wayne Police Ofc. Terry Foley.

Foley is one of two K-9 handlers for the city. He and his partner, Axel, have been a fixture in the community for about 10 years now, working the streets, helping out other communities, visiting schools and giving demonstrations at events.

Foley has 23 years of experience as a police officer. Seventeen of those have been as a dog handler, a role he started with his previous department in Highland Park. It was conversation with some of the suspects he investigated that sparked his interest in working with the intelligent animals, he said.

"All of the drug dealers told us we missed the narcotics when we executed our search warrants," Foley said.

> *"There's not too may kids that don't know Axel. We must be doing a good job, because we get called, year after year, to do the same classes. We're a pretty busy team.*
>
> **Ofc. Terry Foley**

Sure enough, a specific example provided all the evidence he needed. He and other members of the Highland Park Police Department had just raided a suspected drug house and came up empty-handed. They put in a call to a nearby K-9 officer in Taylor, who arrived at the scene and found the drugs within 10 minutes – they were hidden in a loose floorboard.

From that moment on, Foley said he was hooked.

Even so, it wasn't just a matter of persuading his superiors to start the program in Highland Park. Foley said he had to do a lot of research on the potential of police dogs before he suggested and got the program started there. Through his research and knowledge on the subject, he eventually became a K-9 trainer, and that's what first brought him to the City of Wayne. It was about 11 or 12 years ago when he came to the city to train the first K-9 dog handler on the force. That was when he met and befriended then-police chief John Colligan and learned about the department and the community. When a position opened up a year later, Foley jumped at it.

Foley said he enjoys every aspect of working with a K-9 partner, but is especially fond of the training that he gives other officers. There's a certain satisfaction, he said, in taking a 'green' officer and a 'green' dog and watching them grow together into a cohesive partnership. It's a challenging exercise because there are two personalities at work, not just one, but the end results are worth it, Foley said.

"I want him to bond with his own handler," Foley said. "He becomes attached to his handler." They often become members of the family.

The training itself is very complicated, according to Foley, who has trained K-9 officers throughout the country and Canada. Axel, for example, is trained for eight different tasks including: obedience, narcotics, tactical movement and take-downs, building searches, evidence searches, tracking and Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT).

As the animals learn those tasks, they are also taught to put aside some of their basic instincts, like aggression. They are trained not to pay attention to things like rabbits, squirrels or other dogs – imagine a room full of 35 German shepherds, without a single dog fight.

"There's a lot to it," Foley said. "It's not just hooking him up to a leash and walking him around."

Although the animals can attack, they'll only do so at the request of their human counterparts. Most of the muscles the dogs use are in their noses, not their mouths, Foley said. On the rare occasions that the dogs have to physically stop someone, they are trained to only use the force necessary.

"Once (his partner) tells him he's done, that same suspect could turn around and pet the dog," Foley said.

Foley said he has plenty of stories about the good work he and Axel have done throughout the community. Among his favorites, though, is one that took place shortly after he started work with the Wayne department. It was a cold winter night and he and Axel were called to help out the Westland Police Department. Officers had looked for about an hour to find an elderly woman who had wandered off into the woods, with no avail.

"Within 10 minutes, Axel found the woman curled up next to a tree," Foley said. "She was alive and returned safely."

Foley has trained more than 150 K-9 teams during his career. He's training 40 law enforcement teams currently, and participating in a pilot training program for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF). So far, he's trained two teams that will serve as emergency response units, nationwide. One of them is based in Dallas, the other here in Michigan.

He will soon take over the K-9 training facility operated by Terry and Diana Shoenbach and relocate it from Romulus to Filbert Street in Wayne. His regular job will remain with the Wayne Police Department, though, as he and Axel maintain their role in the community.

"There's not too may kids that don't know Axel," Foley said. "We must be doing a good job, because we get called, year after year, to do the same classes. We're a pretty busy team."

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD APRIL 12, 2004 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ROMULUS CITY HALL, 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Councilman William Wadsworth.
Present: LeRoy Burcroff, William A. Crova, Charles Miller, Michael Prybyla, William Wadsworth.
Absent: None.
Excused: Mayor Pro Tem Randolph Gear, Councilwoman Romak.
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Kathleen Trent, Public Relations Director
Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
Pamela Morrison/Kersey, CMFA, Treasurer

1. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to approve the agenda as amended.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-171

2. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Miller, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held April 5, 2004.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth.
Nays -None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-172

3A. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Burcroff to schedule a Public Hearing to be held on May 10, 2004 at 6:45 p.m. to consider issuance of a twelve year Industrial Facility Tax Exemption Certificate request Lear Corporation, 3 63 10 Eureka Road.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-173

3B1. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to concur with the Planning Commission and deny PC 2003-035, RKA Petroleum to rezone 1.59 acres northeast comer Wick and Middlebelt from MT2 Industrial Transportation 2 to C-3 Highway Service District based on the following reasons consistent with the recommendation letters of the City engineering consultant review letters dated January 22, 2004 and City Consultant Langworthy Strader LeBlanc and Associates, Inc. recommendation letter dated February 10, 2004 as follows:

1. The rezoning request is not consistent with the City's current Master Plan or the Draft of the proposed Master Plan Update.

2. A goal of the master plan is to limit commercial sprawl and contain commercial development to already established commercial nodes. The subject site (north east comer of Middlebelt and Wick Roads) is not part of an established commercial node.

3. Evidence that the 4.08 parcel cannot be utilized or the existing truck terminal and tank storage site be expanded for MT-2 type uses based on current market conditions has not been provided.

4. The uses permitted in the requested C-3 district will significantly increase the traffic in the already congested Middlebelt/Wick intersection.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-174

B2. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crova to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and introduce an ordinance to amend the official zoning map to the City by rezoning 54.188= acres of land between Smith Road and 1-94 and Middlebelt and Hudson Street Ecorse Community Subdivision, (PC203-034) from BT (Business Transitional) to RC (Regional Center District).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-175

3C. Motion by Miller, supported by Burcroff to concur with the Romulus Police Department and request from Concessions Michigan, LLC, reference #219918, to drop County of Wayne as Co-Licensee and add Wayne County Airport Authority as Co-licensee in 2003 Class C Licensed Business (MCL 436.1531(10); Non-Transferable), located at McNamara Terminal, Detroit Metro Airport, space 10-1D, Romulus, Mi 48242, PO: Detroit, Wayne County.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-176

3D. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Miller to concur with the Romulus Police Department and request from Concessions Michigan, LLC, reference #219919, to drop County of Wayne as Co-licensee and add Wayne County Airport Authority as Co-licensee in a 2003 Class C licensed business located at McNamara Terminal, Detroit Metro Airport, Space 2-1 East Concourse, Romulus, MI 48242, PO: Detroit, Wayne County.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-177

3E. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Burcroff to concur with the Romulus Police Department and request from concessions Michigan, LLC, reference #238782, to drop County of Wayne as Co-license and add Wayne County Airport Authority as Co-licensee in a 2003 Class C licensed business and a new official permit for food, located at Midfield Terminal (McNamara), Detroit Metro Airport, location 5-1, Romulus, MI 48242, PO: Detroit, Wayne County.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-178

3F. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Miller to grant Metro Airport Lions Club a No-Fee Permit to sell White Canes at various intersections in the City of Romulus on April 23 and 24, 2004 as part of White Cane Week.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Prybyla to accept the Chairman's Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-179

5A. Motion by Miller, supported by Crova to introduce Budget Amendment 03/04-38:

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
9-1-1 Fund Expenditures				
261-3610-736.70-20	Salaries & Wages	0	37,820	37,820
261-3610-736.70-27	Compensated Abs.0	633	633	
261-3610-736.71-10	Overtime	0	1,808	1,808
261-3610-736.72-10	Social Security	0	2,496	2,496
261-3610-736.72-20	Medicare	0	584	584
261-3610-736.72-30	Retirement	0	3,205	3,205
261-3610-736.7240	Health Insurance	0	11,435	11,435
261-3610-736.72-50	Dental Insurance	0	923	923
261-3610-736.72-60	Life Insurance	0	176	176
261-3610-736.72-70	Long-Short Term Dis	0	1,523	1,523
261-3610-736.72-80	Worker's Compensation	0	345	345
9-1-1 Fund Balance Undesignated		173,700	(60,948)	112,752

To appropriate additional funds to cover the personnel costs of one Dispatcher currently charged through General Fund and aid in the balancing of the 2004/2005 budget.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-180

5B. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Miller to award Bid #03/04-33 Tire & Tire Repair Service to the lowest bidder, Premier fleet Service for a two year contract.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-181

5C. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to concur with the recommendation of D.P.W. Director, Carl Brooks and authorize emergency repairs to the 1999 Gradall with AIS Construction at a cost of $2,800.00.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-182

5D. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Miller to concur with the Administration and authorize Halt Fire, Inc., to replace the water tank on Fire Engine 2 (#321) at a cost of $6,695.00.

Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

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OBITUARIES

GORSKI, Cheryl R.

Cheryl R. Gorski, 48, of Wayne, died April 28.

Among her survivors are her son, Jason Gorski of Westland and two brothers, Irvin Robin Rooney of Sebastion, FL and Gregory Rooney of Westland.

Funeral services were a the Crane Funeral Home in Romulus with the Rev. Mark Cryderman of the Westland Free Methodist Church officiating.

HILLS, Ella Marie

Ella Marie Hills, 77, of Belleville, died May 1.

Among her survivors are her husband of nearly 60 years, Charles William Hills; her son, Jeffrey William (Katherine Elaine Ruble) Hills of Frederic; brothers, Chuck (Evelyn) Barrett of Florida and Jim Barrett of Georgia; sisters, Cassie English of Monroe and Martha (Ben) Mazuv of Trenton; granddaughters, Heather Marie Hills and Sasha Lynn Durnen, and a great-grandson, Avery Michael Durnan.

Funeral services were at the Glad Tidings Worship Center in Ypsilanti, where Mrs. Hills was a member, with the Rev. Roger Lands officiating.

Interment was at Hillside Cemetery in Belleville.

Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville.

BIESNER, George Kenneth

George Kenneth Bieser, 71, of Wayne, died April 22.

Among his survivors are his wife, Dorothy Biesner; a daughter, Glenda (Jim) Bliss; his mother-in-law, Ethel Groves; siblings, Gloria, Mary, Carol, Ron, Bill, Eva and Sandy; eight grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were at the Uht Funeral Home in Westland with the Rev. Marvin Hawbaker officiating.

Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

KRARUP, Paul Jens

Paul Jens Krarup, 80, of Westland, died April 17.

Among his survivors are his wife, Ruther Krarup; four daughters, a son; 12 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were at St. Mary Catholic Church in Wayne with Father Jack Baker officiating.

Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Uht Funeral Home in Westland.

FERGUSON, Jean

Jean Ferguson, 75, of Westland, died April 15.

Among her survivors are her daughter, Martha (Jack) Griggs; two sisters, and three granddaughters.

Funeral services were at the Uht Funeral Home in Westland with the Rev. Bob McDonald officiating.

Interment was at Glenwood Cemetery in Wayne.

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5E. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Miller to concur with the recommendation of the administration and adopt the nine (9) Traffic Control Orders for "STOP" signs in the Gateway subdivision as recommended by the Romulus Police Department of Public Works.

1. Northbound vehicular traffic on Augusta Ct. shall "STOP" at Gateway Dr.
2. Eastbound vehicular traffic on Gateway Dr. shall "STOP" at Crystal Lake Dr.
3. Northbound vehicular traffic on Crystal Lake Dr. shall "STOP" at Gateway Dr.
4. Westbound vehicular traffic on Gateway Dr. shall "STOP" at Crystal Lake Dr.
5. Eastbound vehicular traffic on Mistwood Ct. shall "STOP" at Crystal Lake Dr.
6. Eastbound vehicular traffic on Crystal Lake Ct. shall "STOP" at Crystal Lake Dr.
7. Westbound vehicular traffic on Sandpiper Dr. shall "STOP" at Lochmoor Blvd.
8. Northbound vehicular traffic on Lochmoor Blvd. shall "STOP" at Sandpiper Dr.
9. Eastbound vehicular traffic on Sandpiper Dr. shall "STOP" at Lochmoor Dr.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-184

5F. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Burcroff to concur with the administration and designate May 16 through May 22, 2004 as National Public Works Week in the City of Romulus.

04-185

6A1. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to concur with the Property Disposition Committee and let bids on the following tax reverted properties:

004 02 0851000	014 03 0243 000
013 02 0214 000	020 01 0154 000
013 02 0236 301	020 01 0258 300
014 03 0053 000	020 03 0034 000
014 03 0054 000	044 01 0355 001
014 03 0055 000	144 02 0095 000
014 03 0056 000	144 02 0098 000
014 03 0234 000	

All are zoned RIB Single Family Residential and are located in residential subdivisions.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth.
Nays -None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-186

11. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Burcroff to authorize payment of Warrant 04-07 in the grand total amount of One Million, Twenty Five Thousand, Eight Hundred Fourteen Dollars, and Thirty Six Cents (1,025,814.36).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

12. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

Linda R. Choate, CMC
Clerk

Publish: May 6, 2004

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The Housing Commission of Romulus, Michigan

Christine Anderson
Executive Director

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Opinion

Townships are 'cool'

Let's face it: sometimes townships don't get any respect.

Many are thought of as sprawling places populated by strip malls, chain restaurants, car dealerships and industrial parks. They have to try to create a downtown environment already present in most cities and villages. They have no control over the funds that provide road maintenance and repair, the departments that are responsible for snow removal and the like.

And now, they can't be cool.

At least, they aren't eligible to take part in the Cool Cities Catalyst Grant program, a pilot program offered to municipalities throughout the State of Michigan that took part in the Cool Cities Initiative last year.

That's right, Cool Cities, not Cool Townships.

The grant program is a good idea, as far as it goes. It's supposed to help cities build better neighborhoods, attract more people and business, provide a spark for communities in need of an upgrade.

Why not townships, too?

Townships can provide all of the same amenities as cities. Subdivisions can be just as pleasing to live in, the business environment just as lucrative. And it is often more difficult to construct the vision of a town center, a downtown.

There have been notable attempts. Canton Township formed a Downtown Development District (DDA) along Ford Road and is continuing to push for improvements along that road. The Cherry Hill Village concept – essentially a small city within the township – is continually taking shape. Plymouth Township has formed a similar district, with construction on its streetscape planned for this fall. Van Buren Township has made the best of the winding Belleville Road that ushers drivers from Canton to downtown Belleville.

Perhaps a word of encouragement is in order for township officials: Keep up the good work. There are plenty of people who already think your communities are 'cool.'

Racino amendments are key

There is a lot of work that needs to be done before state legislators sign off on a plan to give racetracks throughout the State of Michigan the ability to add Video Lottery Terminals (VTLs) to their facilities.

The so-called racino legislation has been bandied about at the state level for more than a year now, with convincing arguments coming from both sides.

Defenders of the legislation point out the additional revenue they would bring in to the state, which can be used to decrease a state-wide budget shortfall. That would in turn free up additional funds for schools, local police departments and communities in general.

Opponents say it would lead to higher crime rates, increased instances of gambling addiction and alter the communities that currently host racetracks.

Ultimately, the issue will be sent to a conference committee made up of members of the House of Representatives and the Senate to try to negotiate details that would be pleasing to both branches of government, and be signed by the governor.

We have a mixed view on the issue of racinos, in general. We're not sure that the proliferation of them would cause in increase in the number of gamblers in the state, or merely give them other options. If they do result in a revenue increase, that revenue should most benefit the communities that host these facilities, rather than the state.

That's why the amendments posed to the legislation are important. State Sen. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton) said he is still concerned with the legislation, and only cast his vote in favor of the project to move

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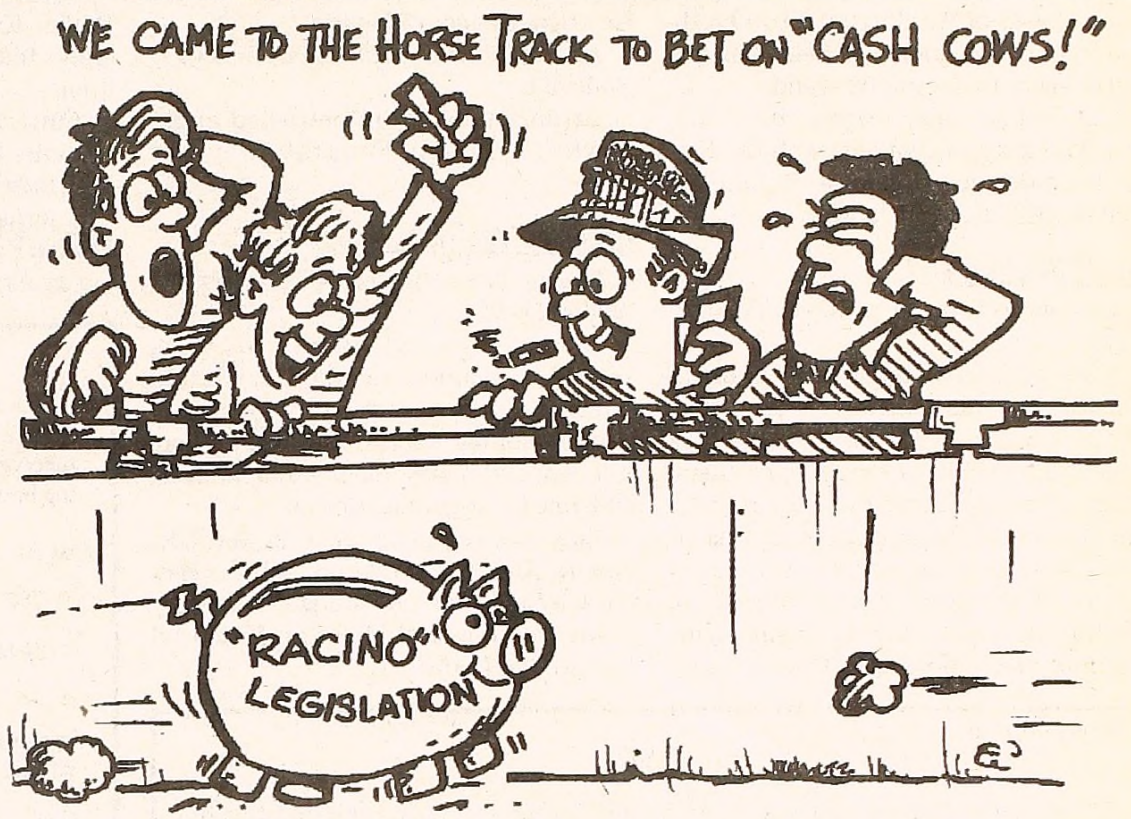

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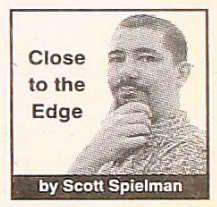

I try not to write columns when I'm pissed off.

It's much better to sit back, reflect, and then return to the keyboard when I've calmed down.

But, since that has happened yet, here goes.

Friday I learned I was the one of the latest victims in a growing crime wave that is sweeping through the nation: identity or credit card theft.

To this day I'm not sure which of the above labels my situation falls under; I'm even less clear how it happened in the first place. I only know that, when I went to the bank Friday, my checking account was overdrawn by more than $350.

"Oh, no. That's impossible," I told the teller, who went on to inform me that that's what happens when you try to spend more money than you have; your account gets overdrawn and the bank then takes more money away from you.

Embarrassingly familiar with that procedure, I nevertheless went on to explain that that couldn't be the case here. Not this time. I had built so many safeguards into my personal finance system that I couldn't possibly have spent more money than I had.

I requested a printout of recent transactions and then I saw it: a $399 expenditure at a business in Detroit, using the numbers on my debit card, which was still in my wallet.

I instantly recognized it for what it was, a crime against me. The best way to describe the reaction that immediately followed is the type of sinking sensation you feel when you suddenly lose altitude in an airplane or on a roller coaster. But this was stronger. This is what it would feel like hurtling down the tallest roller coaster in Cedar Point, equipped only with a pair of roller skates.

Panicked, I cancelled the card, gathered all the forms the bank provided me and set out to find out who was responsible. I gave my wife a hurried explanation, then picked up the phone to call the police department in Wayne, where I live.

I expected a long wait – it was Friday, after all, and I figured the department had more pressing things to contend with than a case that they couldn't do much about, anyway.

By the time I had explained to my son, Henry, about why we had to wait to walk down to the ice cream store (the good news, I told him, was that he was going to get to meet a police officer), Ofc. Abe Hughes had pulled up in front of the house.

He patiently confirmed my most immediate fear: I couldn't file a report with the Wayne department because the purchase didn't take place there. I had to deal with the Detroit police. I rolled my eyes and let out a groan. My weekend was suddenly a lot shorter.

Eventually I tracked down the business, complete with a owner's name, address and phone number and talked myself out of going down there with a baseball bat. I instead turned the information over to the police, whose job it is to follow up situations like this.

But my anger hasn't faded. In part because I now have to wait about three weeks to have the money that I earned credited back to my account; that means

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Cut down unnecessary medication

There's no question about it. Everywhere you turn these days there's another advertisement for this or that new pill or over-the-counter medicine. And the medicine aisle in the local drug store contains tens of dozens of medicines just waiting to overwhelm the next unsuspecting shopper.

Everyone needs to take over-the-counter medications once in awhile. But I think the average person could probably cut down on the need for these things with a little effort.

For example, if you tend to get heartburn, you can take a good look at the foods you're putting into your body. It's possible that a better diet can help you reduce your reliance on those antacids. Also, if you have allergies, you might want to talk to your doctor about lifestyle changes you can make. Who knows? You might be able to avoid taking another allergy pill.

We all want to feel good all the time. To me, it just makes sense to try to do it "au natural" whenever we can. And please remember to take care of your health before it's lonnggggg gone!

Ernie Harwell, "the voice of the Detroit Tigers" for more than four decades, retired after 55 years behind a major league microphone. Today, at age 86, Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with "Miss Lulu," his wife of more than 60 years. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns entitled "Life After Baseball," is available at local bookstores or by calling 1-800-245-5082.

Racino

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the legislative process forward. His amendments would allow a local municipality the right to put the issue to a local vote, ensure that the funds distributed back to the communities are not part of the regular appropriations process – a process which has resulted in the reduction of state-shared revenue – and earmark more of the money for schools and police agencies.

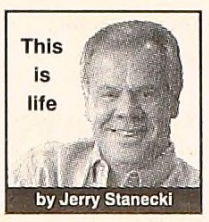
In many ways, communities that already host racetracks are at a disadvantage with the proposal.

The City of Northville, for example, has grown up around Northville Downs. Officials there don't want the additional headaches they think the VTLs would bring; they're more concerned about the character of the community, even though they face budget situations like everyone else.

It's a different situation in Romulus, where residents have already voted on both gambling and a proposed racetrack. They know, ahead of time, what the racetrack development could entail. It's a much more comfortable scenario that one faced by communities who may not want the change.

The issue itself is worth the debate. It is a plan with far-reaching consequences, and the proposed amendments should be a strong part of the discussion.

It's time for action



Eleven students from Truman High School in Taylor were sent home from Disneyworld for allegedly stealing merchandise from the Disney shops. The students, band members on a reward trip, were suspended for four days and ordered to write an apology.

Ordered to write an apology? Was there no remorse?

Macomb County Prosecutor, Carl Marlinga says he refused three bribes in 2002, reported one to the FBI and offered to wear a wire, but the FBI didn't take him up on it.

Our president lies to us to start a war that's killing thousands of Iraqis, and hundreds of young Americans.

A local executive is accused of stealing $314 million from the company he runs. Enron, Tyco, Kmart, Worldcom. Men and women in powerful positions of trust have cast aside integrity, honesty and care about anyone but themselves and their ability to hoard and worship their treasures.

The "me" society of the 1980s grew into the money-at-all-cost society of the 90s, and has become the "destroy ourselves" society.

I hesitate to use the word because I don't want this to sound religious, but we have become a godless society. Or, maybe it's not that. Maybe it's that we have become a false god society.

We seem to have abandoned care and concern for each other, community and country and replaced it with worshipping the gods of money, power, self, and screw you.

The Detroit Police Department prayed for help from a higher power as the city staggers with almost daily murder. Children are dying senselessly, neighbors are killing neighbors.

To ask a higher power for help is a way of hope, but it takes more.

In the 12- step recovery program Alcoholics Anonymous, the third step says, " Make a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understand him."

What it does not state— but, what is understood by all who use the 12 steps—is before we turn it over, we'd damn well better do all we can to help ourselves.

God doesn't fix murder, we have to. God doesn't stop students from stealing, we must. God doesn't teach big business people to lie, cheat and steal, we have to.

We need to teach our children that when they find a wallet full of money, their first thought is not to keep the money, but to find the owner and return it—and, how wonderfully full of hope we feel when the wallet is returned.

You don't kill someone when you're feeling good about you. And, we can't feel good about our self unless someone teaches you how to build self-esteem. We need someone to show you how good it feels when you look in the mirror and see honesty, integrity, compassion and respect for others and a desire to contribute to community.

Hopefully a higher power will lead us to willingness to get back to basics. We need to teach our children that when they find a wallet full of money, their first thought is not to keep the money, but to find the owner and return it—and, how wonderfully full of hope we feel when the wallet is returned.

Aren't there 10 suggestion written somewhere about how to accomplish this goodness?

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To order Jerry's latest book, Life is a Joke and God Wrote it! ($19.50 includes tax, shipping and handling)—PO Box 121, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48303) to contact Jerry go to www.jerrystanecki.com. If you'd like to receive a weekly proactive thought from Jerry, send your email address through his web site.

Theft

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three weeks of putting off bills, going light on groceries, and social activities.

I still seethe at the knowledge that we live with people who will so casually cast our lives into chaos merely to increase their own comforts. They have no concern that somewhere out there an innocent little boy now keeps asking his dad if someone is going to come and take money out of his plastic piggy bank.

And the thing is, I'm careful to the point of paranoia when it comes to credit card purchases. I don't buy anything on the Internet. I don't keep pin numbers anywhere near the card, unless the inside of my brain qualifies. I take care to follow the procedures law enforcement departments suggest: I tear up bank statements, mail bills out through public mailboxes rather than my own. I shred credit card applications and receipts by hand.

Sometimes, I guess, that kind of care isn't enough.

Hopefully, my situation will cause everyone to be more diligent about the way they handle their credit bards, debit cards or what have you. That type of vigilance is our only defense, really.

As for me, I'll put this chaotic weekend behind me and move on, a little wiser, a little less naïve. All I have to do now is go back through this column and edit all the swear words out.

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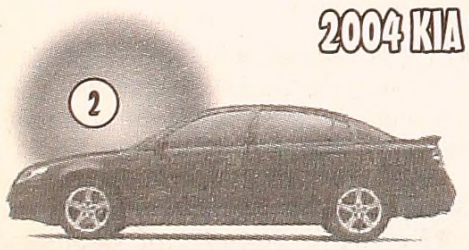

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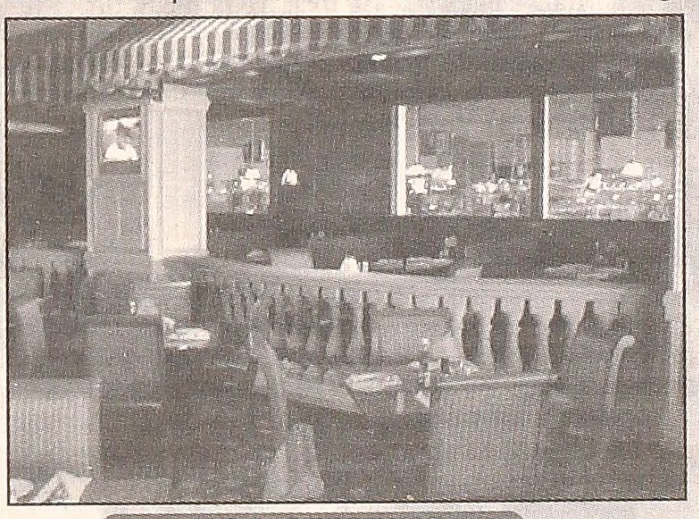

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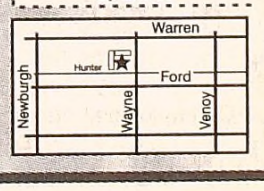

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Stamp out hunger

Belleville letter carriers to collect food

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Belleville letter carriers will be picking up as well as delivering next Saturday.

The post office is one of the many that will join in the12th annual letter carriers food drive May 8.

Debbie Bentley, event coordinator and city carrier at the Belleville Area Branch 2184, said that "Stamp out Hunger" is going on nationwide. Residents are asked to leave donations of non-perishable food, cans and plastic containers (no glass) in bags by their mailbox for letter carriers to pick up along their routes. Donations can also be given directly to the post office, 45601 S. I-94 Service Drive. The contributions will be used to help stock local food banks for the needy.

> *I definitely want to see the post master carry that route. We give kudos to our rural carriers who cover so much territory. If it weren't for them, we wouldn't have the donations that we do. It's truly a joint effort from everbody.*
>
> **Debbie Bentley**

"We donate all the food to Gleaners in Detroit," said Bentley. "It's so simple. You don't have to take the food anywhere. Just put it outside and we will come pick it up."

Belleville letter carriers annually participate in the nationwide effort. The program is sponsored by the National Association of Letter Carriers, in conjunction with the U.S. Postal Service and the United Way. Nationally, the food drive has grown from 12 million pounds collected in Southeast Michigan to a half billion pounds collected worldwide. Belleville letter carriers have been instrumental in the effort, collecting 9,700 pounds of food last year and hoping to raise 10,500 pounds this year, according to Bentley.

"We did not collect as much last year as we have in the past," said Bentley. "With all the growth in the community you wouldn't think that, so we are hoping that things turn around this year. I've noticed in the past how generous our seniors are about donating, as well as the Belle Villa Mobile Home Park. Belleville really is a very giving community."

This year, if the Belleville Area post office reaches its goal, Mark Speis, acting postmaster, will carry one of the mail routes, according to Bentley.

"I definitely want to see the post master carry that route," she said. "We give kudos to our rural carriers who cover so much territory. If it weren't for them, we wouldn't have the donations that we do. It's truly a joint effort from everybody."

Following the Saturday collection, volunteers will spend a week sorting the food and preparing it for distribution to the food banks.

"We picked this time of year because this is when the food banks need the donations the most," she said. "Their food covers are bare and we want to help them get over the hump."

Romulus Community Schools
NOTICE

NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN, FOR THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION TO BE HELD MONDAY, JUNE 14, 2004

To the qualified Electors of the Romulus Community School District, County of Wayne, State of Michigan:

Notice is hereby given that, in conformity with the "Michigan Election Laws," I, the undersigned City Clerk, will upon any day EXCEPT Sunday, a legal holiday, and the day of any regular or special election, shall receive for registration the name of any resident not registered, who may APPLY for such registration EXCEPT during the time intervening between the CLOSE of Registration for the Annual School Election and the day of such election.

NOTICE IS HEREBY OWEN, that voter registrations will be taken at any Secretary of State branch office or, in the Office of the City Clerk, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174-1485 between the hours of:

Monday thru Friday - 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
AND THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER
Monday, May 17, 2004 - 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

For the purpose of REVIEWING THE REGISTRATION LIST AND REGISTERING such of the qualified electors that shall properly apply therefor, the name of no person but an ACTUAL RESIDENT of the Romulus Community School District, at the time of registration, and entitled under the Constitution, if remaining such resident, to vote at the next election shall be entered in the registration book.

The following vacancies for member of the Board of Education will be voted upon in the Romulus Community School District:

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This Notice is given by order of the Board of Education of Romulus Community Schools, County of Wayne, Michigan,

Linda R. Choate, CMC
Clerk

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that as a result of petitions by the property owners within the Township signed by the record owners of land whose footage constitutes more than 50 percent of the total footage of the hereinafter described as Belle Harbor Estates and Lake Crest Subdivisions Special Assessment District and the Township Board of the Charter Township of Van Buren proposes to develop engineering and construction plans for proposed improvements to the road storm water management system and repaving of the public roads, together with the necessary structures an other work incidental thereto, and to create a special assessment district for the recovery of the cost thereof by special assessment against the properties benefited therein

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the District within which the foregoing improvements are proposed to be constructed and within which the cost thereof is proposed to be assessed is more particularly described as follows: Belle Harbor Estates and Lake Crest Subdivisions.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township has received a preliminary estimate from the Township Engineers for a cost not to exceed $164,700.00. This information is on file at the Township Clerk's Office and is available for examination and will further be available at the public hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that two public hearings upon the proposed street project design cost will be held at the Charter Township of Van Buren Municipal Center at 46425 Tyler Road, Belleville, Michigan, commencing at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 18, 2004 and Tuesday, June 1, 2004.

At such hearing, the board will consider any written objections to any of the foregoing matters which might be filed with said board at or prior to the time of said hearing as well as any revisions, corrections, amendments, or changes to said Plans, Estimates and Costs or to said Special Assessment District.

All interested persons are invited to be present at the aforesaid time and place and to submit comments concerning any of the foregoing.

*In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, accommodations can be made available with advance notice.

Joannie D. Payne
Township Clerk

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Life as 'The King'

New book details life of renowned athlete

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Life is like a bag of softballs.

That's the only line Eddie Feigner, considered the greatest softball pitcher of all time, needed to add to his biography *From an Orphan to a King* to make it seem any more like the highly acclaimed and modern movie classic *Forrest Gump*.

Feigner was good at everything he did and, through his softball career, he knew anybody and everybody of importance. Plus, everybody loved him.

From an Orphan to a King, is Feigner's autobiography co-authored by his wife, Ann Marie Feigner, and Douglas B. Lyons and published by Immortal Investments Publishing.

Feigner is considered to be the best softball fast-pitcher of all time. Some even consider him to be the best pitcher, period. The book illustrates his life story from the day he was born, abandoned and adopted – all pretty much in the same day – and his journey through a course life made easier with a blessed strong right arm, the driving force behind the greatest four-man softball team ever, The King and His Court.

Feigner's mother, known only as Mrs. King in the book, had complications while trying to give birth to her child, Marion Eugene King. She lost the baby and nearly lost her own life if it weren't for an orphan baby found the night before. The two nursed each other back to health and when Mrs. King was well enough to go home, the hospital thought she should take the baby boy home with her since no one else wanted him. Right then, Myrle Vernon King was named.

And that was the start of Feigner's (a.k.a. Myrle Vernon King) incredible journey through life.

Feigner started playing ball in fourth grade. By the sixth grade, at the age of 12 in his hometown of Walla Walla, WA, he was the best pitcher in the school – at least good enough to beat the older boys on the seventh and eighth grade team.

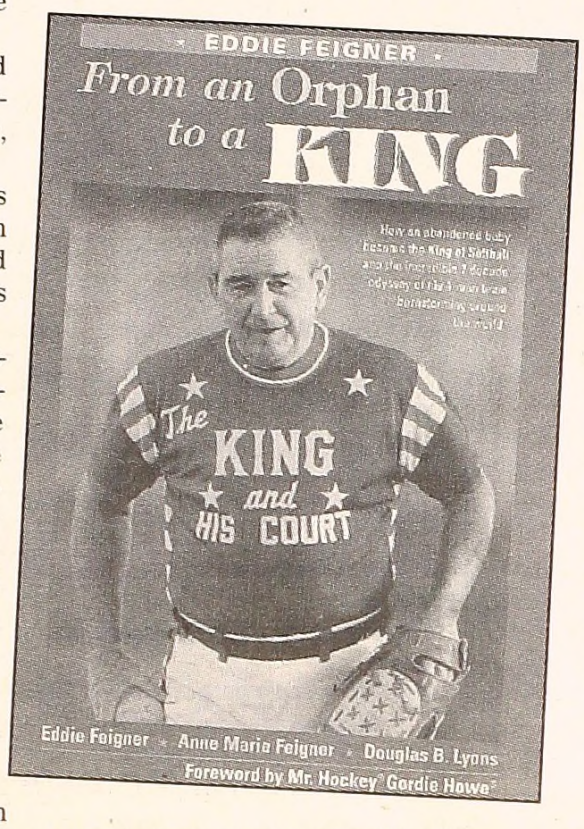
While in grade school, he also formed strong bonds with Meade Kinzer, Ken White and Mike Meilicke, who eventually became the greatest foursome in organized sports, The King and His Court.

As the team grew up they played on normal-sized school, travel and amateur teams throughout Washington and Oregon where Feigner perfected the art of pitching. He could pitch through his legs and behind his back just as fast – up to 104 mph, as accurately as his regular pitches.

Four-man softball idea was spawned from an exhibition game where Feigner and his friends were playing Harris Pine Mills in Pendleton, OR. Feigner struck out everyone easily and his team won. After he made a few snide remarks, the manager of the opposing team dared Feigner to play his entire team using just his first baseman, shortstop and catcher. Feigner was happy to oblige.

To prepare, Feigner and his three friends set up matches against the Washington State Penitentiary inmate team. The preparation paid off as they won the dare game, 7-0. Feigner pitched 19 strikeouts and only allowed two bunts that were thrown out at first base.

Since that game, the King and His Court played more than 30 prisons and, after being caught up in one of the biggest prison riots in history, decided to take their act on the road. They have traveled more than 4 million miles across the United States, Canada and Mexico



to play in front of almost 21 million fans.

Feigner has pitched in 11,125 games and has won 9,743 of them while recording 1,072 losses and 310 ties. He's earned 141,517 strikeouts and recorded 930 no-hitters, 1,982 shutouts and 238 perfect games between 1938 and 1968.

He was more than softball player; he was an entertainer as well. He would get the crowd into the game by pitching through his legs, behind his back, from second base, on his knees and, on occasion, blindfolded. He has pitched to more than 16,000 batters blindfolded and struck out more than half of them.

It wouldn't be a Forrest Gump life if all he did were play softball, though. When he was younger he learned to play the piano and the saxophone, which led him to a try out as the replacement saxophone with the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra. He didn't get the job but he formed a friendship with the musician.

He held a lot of odd jobs, which included teaching figure skating at the largest skating rink in the world in Oak's Park, near Portland. He also took a job collecting tickets at a burlesque theater where he met the likes of Red Buttons, Red Skelton, George Burns and Ed Wynn. And he served a short stint in the military.

Because of his military background he was accepted into the FBI training program, which led to a job as a Washington State Patrol Officer. He was also a manager for Coca-Cola Bottling Co. and a bus driver for the Seashore Transportation Bus Co. But, he never veered too far from his true love – softball.

His experience in softball has put in contact with celebrities from all walks of life including Elvis Presley, Joe Louis, Franco Harris, Deacon Jones, Bob Griese, Troy Aikman, Ted Williams, Jack Dempsey, Bronco Nagursaki and Detroit's own Gordie Howe.

Howe also wrote an engaging forward to the book.

On the other hand, he has also had run-ins with the Ku Klux Klan and various crooks, scammers and jewel smugglers.

Sounds like a Hollywood movie in the making.

Life is like a bag of softballs. You never know what kind of pitch you'll get.

In this case, readers will get a tremendous story of an orphan's rise to stardom but, unfortunately, the writing makes it extremely difficult to make it all of the way through. Don't give up on it, though. There are too few inspirational stories these days, fortunately, the King and his Court is one of them.

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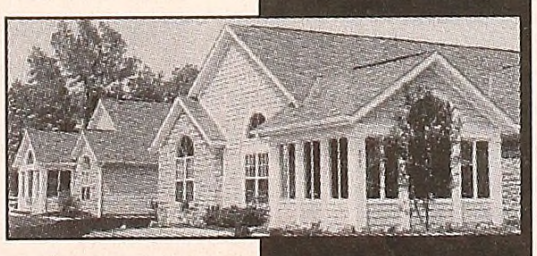
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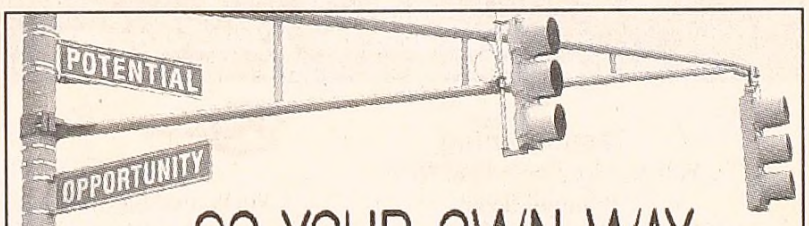

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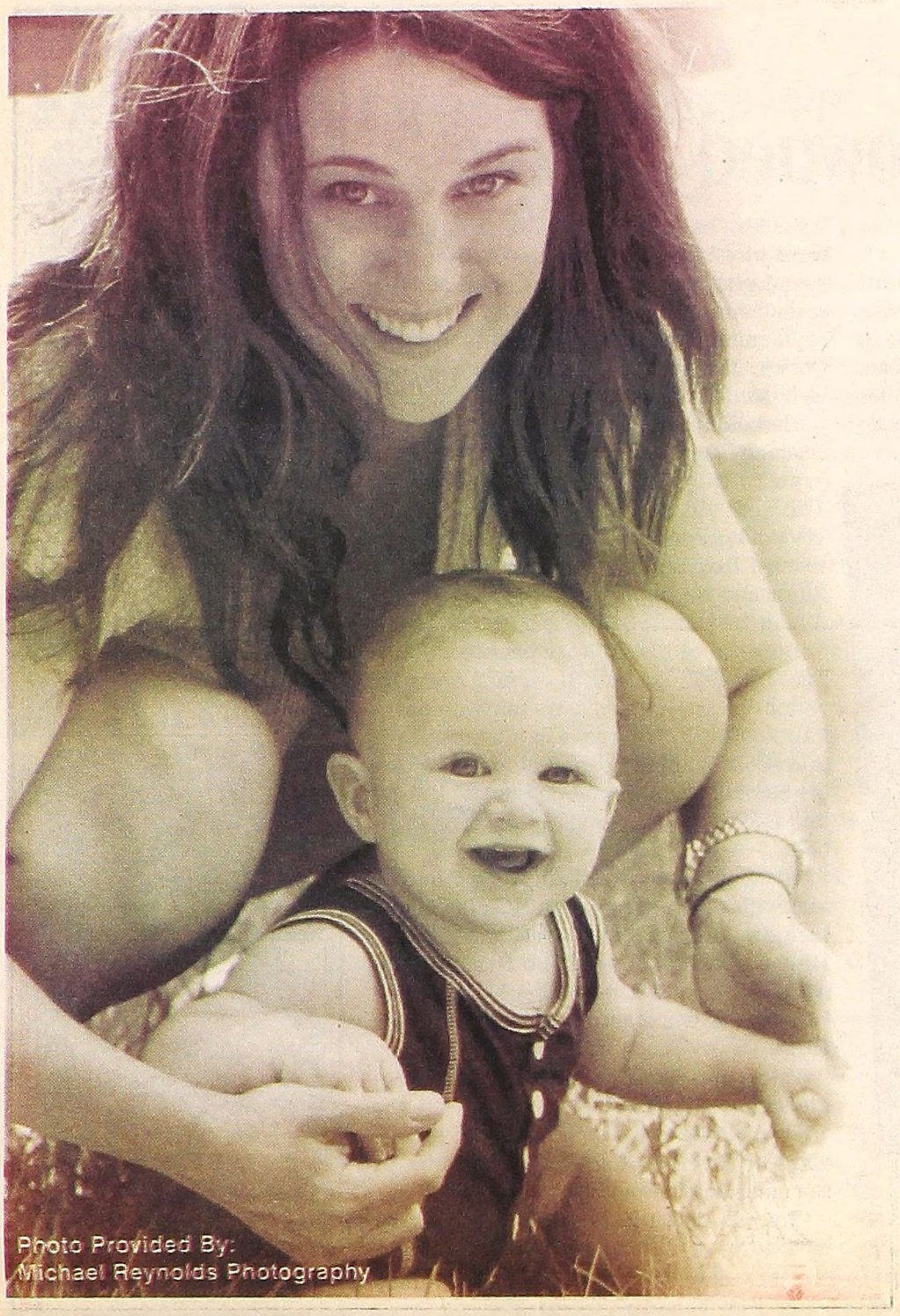

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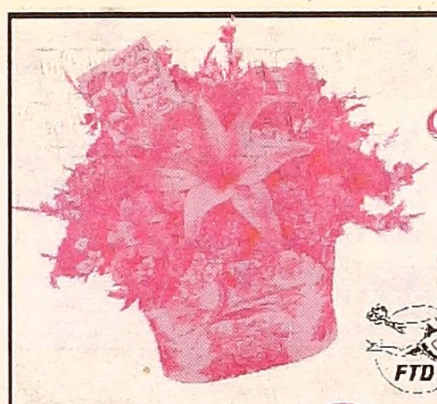

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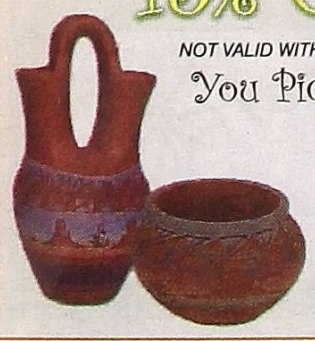

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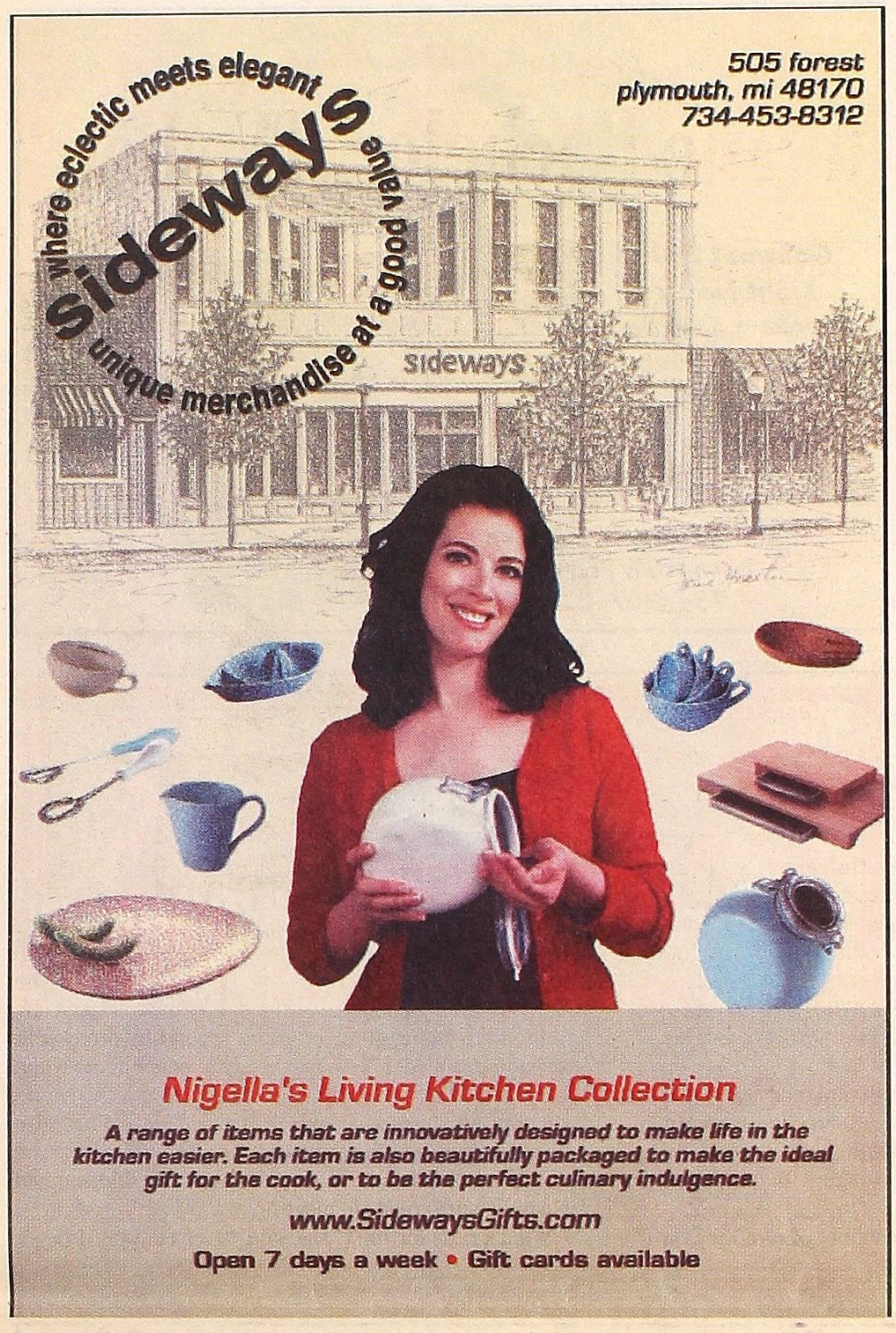

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'The one who got away'

Canton woman participates in 'The Bachelor' TV show

John Counts
Staff Writer

Canton Township native Jenny Matthews is making a scrapbook. And, at age 24, it's already pretty full.

Matthews has competed in national speedskating events, won a volleyball scholarship to college, and knocked elbows on the most recent incarnation of roller derby, *Roller Jam*.

Now, that scrapbook can include memorabilia from her turn on the ABC reality television show, *The Bachelor*.

Matthews was one of the 25 females picked to vie for the affections of Jesse Palmer, the NFL football-playing bachelor on the hit show this season. Even though she was in the first group eliminated, she said she is happy she did it.

"It was an awesome experience," she said.

Matthews was born in Detroit, but moved to Canton when she was 4. When she was 8, she started skating, and hasn't stopped since.

"My main focus is skating," she said.

She still competes nationally and internationally for the Wolverine Speedskating Team. She said that it's unfortunate that in-line speedskating isn't in the Olympics, and that she is contemplating switching to ice.

While attending Salem High School, where she graduated in 1998, Matthews also played volleyball. She played well enough to receive a scholarship to Henry Ford Community College. That only lasted a year, though. When she heard from some skating friends about the new World Skating League Roller Jam, she jumped at the chance.

Roller Jam was an in-line version of roller derby televised nationally on The Nashville Network from 1999 to 2001. It featured such teams as the California Quakes and the Nevada Hot Dice. Matthews skated for both teams.

The show was taped at Universal Studios in Orlando in the same studio where, Matthews said, *American Gladiators* was filmed. Matthews left school and made the move to Florida. She lived there for the three years *Roller Jam* was shown.

It was exciting performing in front of the live audience, she said, but the sport was tough on her body. Sometimes the show wouldn't be on until 3 a.m. on the cable station, but this didn't stop her friends in Michigan from watching. She said she would get phone calls from them early in the morning while they watched back home.

As soon as *Roller Jam* ended, Matthews came back to Canton. When she heard about the open casting for *The Bachelor* at The Post Bar in Novi, she and about 400 other females showed up. Her roller derby past and television experience impressed producers. She made every cut, and was soon on her way to California.

> *It's more of a catfight on The Bachelor than on Roller Jam.*
>
> **Jenny Matthews**

"I was flattered," she said about being chosen.

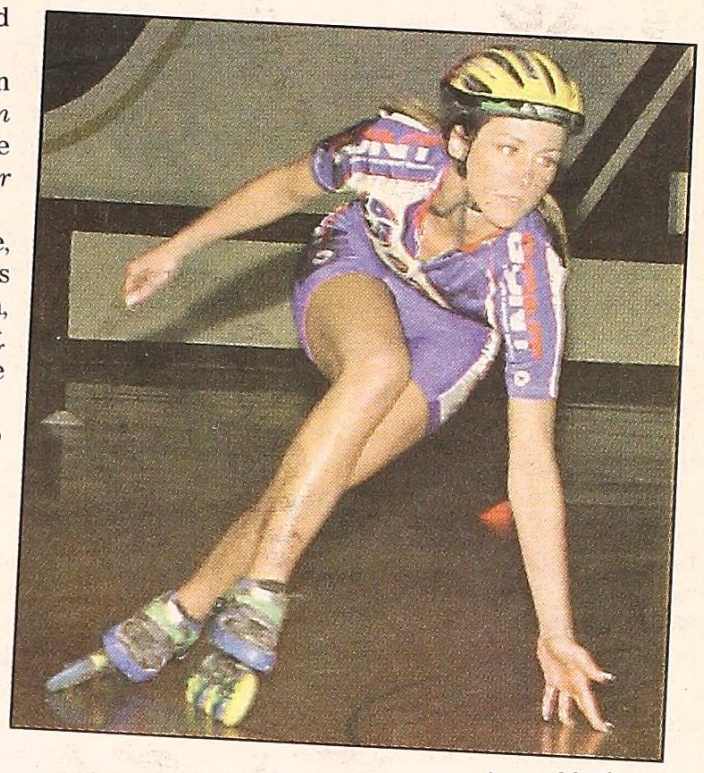
Matthews can't say much about the show while it's being televised. It's part of the contract.

But she could say she enjoyed being in Los Angeles and being pampered for a few weeks. While she said she wasn't initially attracted to Palmer, she admitted that he was nice-looking.

"He was cool," she said. "I wish him the best of luck."

While she made friends with a few of the other female members of the show, especially the ones from Michigan, she said she took the show more lightly than some of the girls.

"In some ways," she said, "it's more of a catfight on *The Bachelor* than on *Roller Jam*."



Jenny Matthews

But she said she wasn't disappointed when she left the show. The taping schedule was madness, she said. And she admitted not liking all the waiting around involved with television production. She was ready to come home when she did, she said.

Her family was supportive throughout. When the episode was shown, they presented her with the rose she didn't get on the show. Now that it's over, she said she had fun with it, but is ready to move on.

"What's next for me?" she said. "I don't know. I never know."

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Sports

Chiefs shutout Warriors, 4-0, remain undefeated

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Canton Chiefs' win streak continued when they hosted the Walled Lake Western Warriors Monday night.

The Chiefs only allowed one shot on goal in the 4-0 victory. Brittany Cervi recorded her sixth shutout of the season.

The first half went scoreless as neither team managed to get their offense going.

"We didn't execute real well in the first half," said Canton coach Don Smith. "I told the girls that we didn't do anything but make (Western's) day. We stepped it up in the second."

They did step it up as they scored four second-half goals.

Rebecca Houdek led the way with the first goal off an assist from Megan Romer. Katie Esper made it a 2-0 game with her goal and Katie Mills notched the assist on the play. Lisa Ealy continued the offensive efforts with an assist by Christie Daniels to make it a three-goal game.

Andrea Johnson added the final goal off a penalty kick to put the game away, 4-0.

The Canton Chiefs' strong play continued last week when they walked away with a tie and a victory to remain undefeated.

Chiefs 2, Hornets 0

On Saturday, the Chiefs avoided the sting of the Saline Hornets with a 2-0 victory. Cervi made 10 saves to record her fifth shutout of the season, according to Smith.

Smith said the entire team deserves to share the credit for the shutouts, especially midfielder Molly Priebe, who had an outstanding game against Saline. The offense was lead by senior midfielder Rachel Perry who scored the first goal with six minutes left in the first half. Senior midfielder Mills and junior midfielder Bailey Fagen recorded the assists on the play. The goal gave the Chiefs a 1-0 lead to go into the second half.

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>
> ***Coach Don Smith***

Junior midfielder Katie Raker, with an assist from sophomore forward Ealy, made it a 2-0 game with 10 minutes left in the game. Cervi and the defense held the Hornets at bay for the rest of the game and they marched out with the victory.

Chiefs 1, Mustangs 1

Canton remained undefeated when they battled against their division nemesis Northville on Wednesday, April 28. They didn't win but they did hold the Mustangs to a 1-1 tie.

Northville jumped on the board first when freshman forward Danielle Toney put the ball past Canton's Cervi at the 9:42 mark of the first half. Canton bounced back with 18 minutes left in the half. Perry raced up the left side of the field to knock one past Northville's sophomore goalie Katie Weicksel to knot the score 1-1.

Despite the blustery weather conditions, both goalies and the defenses remained solid in the second half to keep the score tied.

"The wind played a big part in the game," Smith said. "It bothered with both teams – it made for an up and down game."

The tie put Canton at 7-0-3 overall. However, if both Northville and Canton remain undefeated in the Western division, they will have to rely on their record against Lake division opponents to decide who will reign as division champs. Both teams are undefeated against Lake opponents with formidable Salem and Stevenson teams still on the horizon.

Canton will play Stevenson and Salem respectively in the final two games of the season.

This week, The Chiefs hosted the John Glenn Rockets on Wednesday but the results were unavailable. They will host Ann Arbor Huron tonight.

Northville 'strong arms' 7 straight wins

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

With a slew of strong arms fortifying the mound, the Northville Mustangs are sitting tall with a 13-2-0 record.

They started out rocky and lost their first game, 4-3, to West Bloomfield but had a strong turnaround to win six straight. They lost to Lapeer West but turned around to win seven more in a row. They are undefeated in conference play (4-0) and in division play (3-0), according to Northville Coach Mickey Newman.

The strong arms of the 'Stangs have stayed healthy enough to maintain a solid rotation and nearly perfect record. Most recently, they mercied Livonia Franklin 12-1 in five innings on Monday.

Senior pitcher Mark Sorenson led they way from the mound. He pitched a five-hitter with seven strikeouts and gave up only one run – his first earned run in 25 innings. The win gives him a 4-0 record as a pitcher.

"Franklin has hit off of Sorenson the best so far," said Newman. "We had a good defense behind him to help him out tonight."

Brett Asher had three RBIs and Matt Williams hit a bases-loaded double and recorded three RBIs. Jimmy Cicala went 2-for-3 from the plate, including a home run over the center field fence, scored two runs and knocked in two runs. Steve Besk went 1-for-2 with two runs scored.

Before that, the team traveled to Redford Union for a doubleheader where they won both games on Saturday.

In the early game, Northville pulled away with an 8-5 victory. Junior Andrew Smith pitched the five-inning winner and recorded 6 strikeouts and only gave up two hits and an earned run, according to Newman.

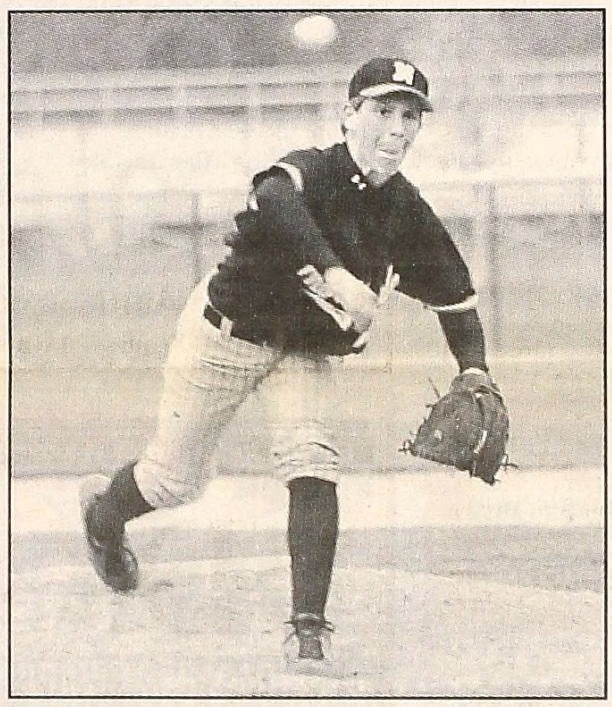
Brenden Buckley was 2-for-3 from the plate. He scored twice and knocked in three RBIs and had a two-run homer in the fifth. Sophomore Charlie Thomas was perfect at the plate and went 4-for-4 with four RBIs in the win.

In the late game, senior Doug Thompson took to the mound to pitch a complete game. He recorded four strikeouts and gave up four runs on seven hits to help the team take a 14-4 triumph.

Junior Dave VanHorn was 2-for-4 at bat with a run scored and three RBIs while senior Mark Sorenson scored three runs.

Mustangs 18, Rockets 8

Brian Tellish earned the win in the 18-8 thrashing of the John Glenn Rockets on Friday. He recorded eight strikeouts and gave up eight runs on 10 hits in the six-inning mercy.



Brian Tellish (above) is one of five solid pitchers Northville has on their roster. He earned the win against John Glenn with eight strikeouts. The team rests at 13-2-0 for the season.

On offense, Besk was 3-for-5 with two runs scored and two RBIs. Matt Williams was 2-for-4 at the plate with two RBIs and three scored runs. Buckley was a powerhouse at bat. He scored three runs, batted in four runs and hit two homers to help in the lopsided victory.

Mustangs 16, Northern 1

Besk earned the win in the 16-1 victory against Walled Lake Northern last Wednesday, April 28. He pitched four innings of the five-inning mercy for two strikeouts and only gave up one walk and one run on two hits. The win put him at 3-0 as a pitcher, according to Newman.

Buckley had another powerful day at the plate. He was 3-for-3 with two doubles, two RBIs and four runs scored. Jake Dumblton was also perfect at bat going 2-for-2 with two RBIs.

Northern actually gained the lead in the first, 1-0, but the 'Stangs took control after that, Newman said.

Sorenson started the rotation and earned the 11-0 win against the Livonia Churchill Chargers on Monday, April 26. He pitched a three-hitter with seven strikeouts.

Buckley, solid again, went 3-for-3 with two RBIs. Matt Williams went 2-for-3 with a single and a three-run homer. He also scored twice and knocked in four RBIs.

"We've had a very good start," Newman said. "The kids have been playing great but we're still looking to improve on defense."

Rockets escape Lions, fall to Falcons, 10-2

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The John Glenn Rockets' growing pains continued as they lost three of their last four ball games last week.

Things looked good at first when they knocked off South Lyon 9-8 in an early game on Saturday.

The Rockets were down 7-8 in the bottom of the seventh inning when Billy Burton hit a beautiful sacrifice bunt and squeezed in the runners from third and second bases, said Glenn coach Matt Howton.

Tim Bingham pitched all seven innings with five strikeouts but gave up eight runs and four walks. Vinnie DeLuca led the offense, going 2-for-4 with a single and a double for two RBIs and two scores.

Things turned sour when they faced Farmington in a game later that day. They fell 10-2. Dan Cover recorded the loss from the mound with six strikeouts and four walks. He gave up seven hits and seven runs, four of them earned, according to Howton. DeLuca was 1-for-2 for that game.

Rockets 4, Zebras 5

Round one of the cross-town showdown between the Rockets and the Zebras was hosted by John Glenn and won by Wayne Memorial last Wednesday.

It was a close game, but the Zebras edged out the Rockets 5-4.

Tom Cichowski pitched four innings for John Glenn. He struck out four, walked two and allowed five hits and five runs.

Bret Schwartz was 2-for-3 with two singles and two runs scored while Burton was 3-for-3 with a single and two doubles for two RBIs.

Rockets 8, Mustangs 18

After the close competition against neighboring rivals the Zebras, Glenn had a difficult time against the division-leading Northville Mustangs on Friday night.

The Rockets couldn't keep up with Northville's powerful hitting and fell 18-8.

DeLuca gave up four hits, seven runs, four walks and only one strikeout from the mound to record the loss. He had a better day on the other side of the ball to hit 2-for-4. Both hits were doubles, for three RBIs.

Overall the team had a strong hitting day but couldn't reel in the win.

Bingham hit a single and double and scored three runs and Greg Wacker went 2-for-3 with a single and double and one run scored. Cover hit a homer in the first inning that gave the Rockets a 3-0 lead and he recorded two RBIs.

Despite the losses, Howton said he is optimistic that his young team can turn things around this season.

"We have to keep working hard," he said. "I keep telling the guys if we keep working hard good things will happen to us.

"We're hitting the ball hard but we're hitting them right to players," he added. "Eventually we'll start finding the holes. We have a young team but they have a great attitude and work hard."

The young team consists of only three seniors, 10 juniors, one sophomore and one freshman.

The team was home against Franklin last night but the results were unavailable by press time. They head to Salem High School tonight and host Adrian in a doubleheader on Saturday.

Mustangs top Patriots, 6-0, tie Chiefs, 1-1

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Mustangs ran wild over the Franklin Patriots on the soccer field when they took a 6-0 victory on Monday night.

Northville's defense was so strong that Franklin didn't get a single shot on goal and Katie Weicksel recorded the shutout, her fifth of the season.

The offense started out slow and didn't get a shot on goal until 15 minutes into the game. Freshman forward Danielle Toney drew first blood with her goal with 11:44 left in the half. She took a pass from Deanne Kubas and put in off the left side for the 1-0 lead. Lauren Hill made it a 2-0 game with an assist from Loren Tacconelli.

Tacconelli assisted Kubas 38 seconds later to extend the lead to 3-0, according to Northville coach Ron Meteyer. The Mustangs went into halftime with a three-goal lead.

In the game that could have decided who will reign as Western Division champions, the Northville Mustangs and the Canton Chiefs tied in the 1-1 battle last Wednesday.

In the second half, Vanessa Bailey accepted a pass from Toney and put it in the net to extend the lead to four goals. Jesse Walsh made it a 5-0 game when she pushed the ball in from a yard out with 7:16 left in the game, according to Meteyer. Tessa Adkins and Liz Albulov recorded the assists.

Adkins scored the final goal with a blast from 18 yards out off a pass from Hill with 1:04 left in the game.

Mustangs 1, Chiefs 1

In the game that could have decided who will reign as Western division champions, the Northville Mustangs and the Canton Chiefs tied in the 1-1 battle last Wednesday, April 28.

Now it will rest on how well the two teams do against opponents in the Lakes division. Each team still has to face off against the formidable Salem Rocks and the Stevenson Spartans before the season ends.

In the Northville-Canton game, the Mustangs took an early lead at the 9:42 mark with a goal from freshman forward Toney. Vanessa Bailey took the initial shot at Canton's net. The shot rebounded off the Chiefs' goalie Brittany Cervi to Toney, who put it in the net, according to Meteyer.

The lead didn't last too long as Canton's senior midfielder Rachel Perry raced up the right side of the field, past a defender and belted the ball past sophomore goalie Weicksel. The goal tied the game at 1-1 with 18:42 left in the first half.

Neither team could get things going in the second half and the score remained tied 1-1.

The 'Stangs played without starting junior midfielder Jennifer Kritch, who is out with a knee injury and may not return until the playoffs, according to Meteyer. They also played the second half of the game without their other starting midfielder, senior Whitney Guenther, who had muscle spasms.

Northville went on to defeat the Berkley Bears on Saturday. Weicksel recorded her fourth shutout of the season with the 6-0 victory. Toney and Lauren Hill each scored two goals to lead Northville in the win. Bailey and Brittany Boen each added a score.

The Mustangs moved up to 8-1-1 overall and the Chiefs remain undefeated at 6-0-3. Northville hosted Churchill last night but the results were unavailable for this edition. They will head to Livonia to face off against Stevenson on Monday night and host the Rocks next Wednesday. Canton's last two games of the season will be against Stevenson and Salem respectively.

Chiefs overcome Vikings, 1-0

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Chiefs pulled out a late 1-0 softball victory over the Walled Lake Central Vikings Friday.

The game went scoreless until the fifth inning when an error, a sacrifice bunt and a wild pitch brought in the winning run for Canton, according to coach Jim Arnold.

The Chiefs managed to hold the Vikings the rest of the way for the victory.

Part of the reason they held on was due to the stellar pitching of Molly Conlon. She faced 22 batters in the seven innings and struck out 11, walked zero and kept Walled Lake hitless.

On offense, Heather Richardson went 3-for-4 with two singles and a double. Rachel Wade hit two singles for the team.

Canton had another close game last week against the Walled Lake Warriors but couldn't pull out the win in the eighth inning.

The Warriors prevailed with a 2-1 victory in the two teams' Wednesday match up.

Canton took the lead in the fourth inning after a bunt by Lauren Delapaz allowed Wade to scor

With tough defense and strong pitching by Conlon, the Chiefs maintained the 1-0 lead until the sixth inning when Erin Talbert banged out a homer to knot the score. The game remained tied to the bottom of the eighth when Central led off with a single, popped out and then hit back-to-back singles to score the winning run, according to Arnold.

"Both teams are extremely talented," he said. "There was good defense on both sides but it came down to who got the breaks."

Conlon finished the night on the mound with 12 strikeouts and zero walks but she gave up eight hits in the loss. Richardson led the offense with two hits, including a double.

Canton played at home against an up-and-down Wayne Memorial team on Wednesday but the results were unavailable at press time. They head into Livonia to take on Franklin tonight and return home to host the Canton Classic Varsity Tournament starting at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday. The tournament will include teams such as Belleville, Dexter, Northville, Novi, Stevenson, Tecumseh and Trenton.

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Rockets softball falls to Northern, blasts Zebras

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Although the John Glenn softball team out-hit Walled Lake Northern Monday night, they made some errors that cost them the game. The Rockets out-hit Northern 7-4 in the 4-2 loss.

Megan Dean started the team out with a double as the number-three batter. With her on second, Ross nailed a single that brought Dean into score. The run put Glenn up 1-0 in the first. However, they wouldn't score again until the fifth inning when Liz Brozek hit for a long single, which was enough to send Sara Mackie around the bases from first to score.

Northern's two-run second inning and two-run fifth was enough to hold the Rockets off. The game ended in a 4-2 victory for Walled Lake.

Dana Baran recorded three strikeouts and gave up four hits from the mound for John Glenn.

"We were expecting to win the way it looked early on," said Glenn Coach Bill Duncan. "Defensively we made a few errors and they took it away from us."

The Rockets couldn't muster a win Saturday when they attended the Salem Invitational in Plymouth. There they lost to the Ann Arbor Pioneers, 15-2, and the Riverview Pirates, 6-2.

Rockets 1, Mustangs 4

John Glenn hosted the Northville Mustangs Friday night but fell in a close 4-1 game.

The team was without starting second base player Jennifer Boris due to a sprained ankle and the result was three errors by her replacement, Duncan said.

Starting pitcher Baran had a solid day from the mound. She recorded five strikeouts and gave up six hits and two walks. Brozek scored the Rocket's lone run.

For Northville, sophomore Lisa Mueller pitched a three-hitter and Laura Zema had and RBI and scored two runs.

The disappointing loss came after a huge win against cross-town rivals the Wayne Zebras last Wednesday, April 28.

Rockets 18, Zebras 3

Baran pitched a one-hitter for the Rockets in their 18-3 shellacking of rival Wayne Memorial. She recorded three strikeouts and four walks in the four-inning mercy. She also hit 2-for-2 at the plate with two singles and two RBIs.

Devon Ross started the game with big hit over the leftfielder's head for a double in the first inning.

It was a messy game with a lot of walks – 14 total, Duncan said. The Rockets took advantage of the situation to carry home the win.

The Rockets head to Salem tonight and Bedford Saturday.

Salem Rocks soccer shuts out John Glenn, 9-0

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Salem Rocks started off slow against the John Glenn Rockets in soccer Monday night, but they kicked it up a notch to score eight second-half goals as they shut them out, 9-0.

"We did a good job at possessing the ball in the first half we just didn't go to the net," said Salem Coach Joe Nora. "In the second, we did a lot better going to the net and scored eight goals."

Jordan Falcusan took on a big part in the scoring department, where she rang up the first five goals. Her first goal was scored in the opening half of the game to give the team a 1-0 lead that carried over to the second. Then, she scored four more to extend that lead to 5-0.

Freshman forward Kelly Adsit, junior midfielder Jane DeWitt, junior defender Kathryn Wheatley, and junior midfielder Ashley Stoychowff all added goals in the shutout.

Senior forward Marissa Sarkesian notched five assists on the night while junior midfielder Amy Gizicki, Sherry Buijk, Adsit and DeWitt all contributed with assists.

Senior goalie Kristen O'Beirne and junior goalie Alyssa Guerin split the shutout.

However, things didn't go quite as smooth as the Rocks had hoped last week against the Livonia Stevenson Spartans.

Salem fell behind, 1-0, early when Stevenson's Melissa Dobbyn scored 20 minutes into the game.

Falcusan equalized the score when she put the ball in the net 15 minutes into the second half. Buijk recorded the assist.

The Spartans came back to score the game winner with 13 minutes left in the game.

O'Beirne had another solid game despite the two goals. She stopped 10 shots on net to help keep the game close.

"Both teams played real well," Nora said. "I told the girls that they can play really well and still lose and they should take that as a positive."

Salem traveled to Wayne to take on the Zebras but the results weren't available at press time. They face Walled Lake Central at home on Monday.

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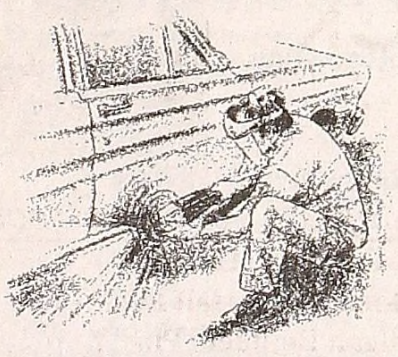

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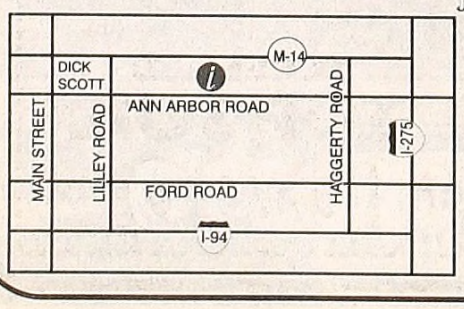

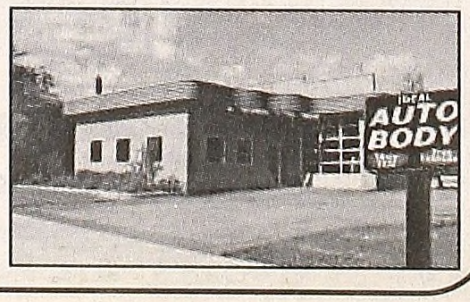

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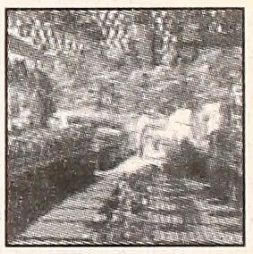

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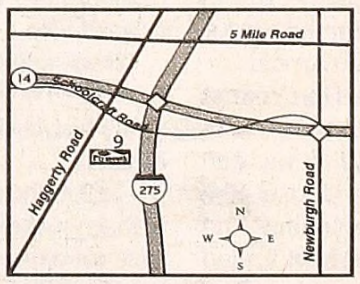

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Wayne soccer falls to Churchill

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Livonia Churchill Chargers' four second-half goals dispirited the first-half efforts of the Wayne Zebras in last Wednesday's soccer contest.

Wayne played tough through the first half to keep the score knotted at 0-0 but they fell apart in the second to carry a 4-0 loss, said Wayne coach Larry Brenner.

Livonia scored three goals in a six-minute span to shut the Zebras down in the second. Michelle Allen scored a hat trick for Churchill and Jacqui Gott scored the fourth goal in the win.

It was the third consecutive game without a goal for the Zebras, who are 6-3 overall and 0-3 in the difficult Western Lakes league.

Zebras 0, Chiefs 8

Wayne had difficulty getting their offense going against Canton last Monday, April 26 and came away with an 8-0 loss.

Despite some great saves by their keeper Angie Jones and outstanding play by sweeper Jakie Dest, according to Brenner, the Zebras couldn't keep pace with the Chiefs.

Junior forward scoring phenom Andrea Johnson added three more goals to her resume Monday night and one assist.

Beckey Houdek, Megan Romer, Rachel Perry, Bailey Fagen and Kelsy Zemanski all added goals to help the Chief's triumph. Fagen along with Lisa Ealy notched two assists on the night. Katie Mills, Katie Esper and Maggie Malony each contributed with an assist in the win.

Zebras 0, Patriots 3

Wayne was forced to go on defense for most of their contest against a very talented Franklin Patriots in Livonia on Wednesday, April 21.

The Zebras had difficulty breaking through the Patriots defense and remained scoreless through both halves of the battle while Franklin's offense was unstoppable and scored three first-half goals to secure the 3-0 victory.

Wayne's Jenny Hardy replaced the injured goaltender Angie Jones in net for the second half and made some fantastic saves to keep Franklin scoreless for the half, according to Brenner.

It wasn't enough, though,. as the Zebra offense continued to struggle and was also held scoreless.

Young Inkster team struggles

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The young Inkster Viking varsity baseball team continued to struggle last week when they fell in five games.

With only two seniors and four returning players from last year, the team hasn't had time to gel together yet, according to Inkster coach Jerome Orr.

"We're not coming together as a team," he said. "If we can come together as team in the first inning instead of the fourth we'll give teams some trouble. But that's the problem, we don't start playing as a team until later in the game."

The team's most recent battle was against the River Rouge Panthers on Monday. The Vikings incurred eight errors in the 12-2 loss, seven of them earned runs, according to Orr.

"The young outfielders are coming along," he said. "The ninth-graders are still making some mistakes, though."

Returning senior Reginald Smith struck out seven batters in the final two innings and hit a single with an RBI when on offense. He would have had a triple added to his resume but the ump called the hit foul after the outfielder picked it up, Orr said.

Senior Michael Turner had a double for the team.

The young team had a difficult time at the plate last week, as they couldn't muster up a hit against Ecorse or in the first game of the doubleheader against Hamtramck. In the Ecorse game, they were defeated 14-3 and were shutout in the first Hamtramck game, 16-0.

In the later game against Hamtramck, the Vikings lost 17-3 but managed some hits.

Turner, Smith, Nathaniel Jones and Xavier Fowler all had hits for Inkster, according to Orr.

Freshman Pierre Goree pitched for the first time and recorded four strikeouts in the loss. Smith relieved him in the fifth inning. In game one, Turner started the first inning on the mound but an injury brought in freshman pitcher Johnny Crawford. Crawford struck out five batters.

Inkster also had a tough time against Romulus last Thursday with the Eagles powering to a 16-2 victory.

The Vikings scored both of their runs in the second inning and couldn't get things moving during the rest of the game. Mike Willingham pitched six strikeouts in the game for Inkster.

"We're just an inexperienced team," Orr said. "We need to start getting extremely excited about playing baseball and start coming together as a team sooner. Once we do that, we'll start playing better."

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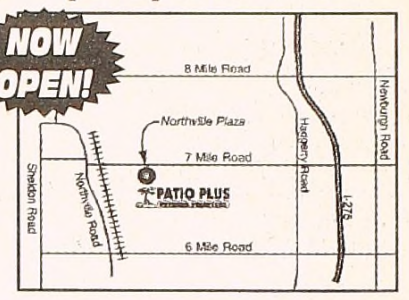

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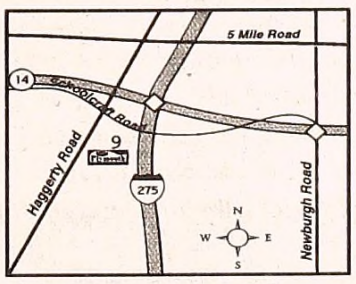

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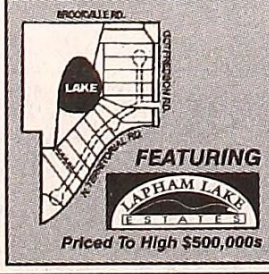

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Salem tennis rocks Stevenson, Plymouth

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Salem boys' varsity tennis team defeated Livonia Stevenson 6-2 at home Monday. The singles players were undefeated on the day.

Mike Ware, Salem's number-one singles player, beat Stevenson's Dan Perry in two sets (6-4, 6-3). At number two Pat Shaw defeated Nick Stojanov. He won the first set, 6-1, but lost the second, 1-6. He managed to bounce back in the third set with a 6-3 win.

Chris Treadwell defeated Marwan Chammout in two sets (6-1, 6-5) at the number-three singles spot and Robby Wallen was triumphant at the number-four spot when he defeated Jay McConnell (6-3, 6-3).

The number-one doubles team of Roma Buffa and Christian Fenton didn't have as much luck. They fell in three close sets against Stevenson's Mike Jewel and Ricky Roman. They won the first set (6-3) but fell in the final two (4-6, 4-6).

At the number-two team, Kushal Mistry and Alex Poe struggled in three sets against Kevin Lim and Jeff Jackson. They lost their first set (3-6) and fell in the final two (3-6, 7-5).

Salem's number-three team of John Schellhase and Dave Geick defeated Matt Nikkila and Jonathan Tyrpak (6-1, 6-3) and number four doubles Blake Foster and Neil Bakshi defeated the Spartans' Brandon Dahr and Chris McCathney (6-3, 6-3).

The Salem Rocks continued to roll over opponents last week on the tennis court as the varsity boys' team defeated cross-campus rivals the Plymouth Wildcats on Wednesday. The match resulted in an 8-0 shutout.

Number-one singles, Treadwell defeated Plymouth's Luc Lucaj in two sets (6-2, 6-2). Salem's Wallen faced Kevin Welch and won his first two sets (6-1, 6-2) at the number-two singles spot. At number three, Schellhase defeated Ali Saleem, 6-2, in the first set and put his match away with a 6-1 second set. Mistry, Salem's number-four singles player, defeated the Wildcats' Justin Magill (6-1, 6-1) to finish out that part of the competition by a 4-0 margin.

In doubles, the number-one team of Buffa and Ali El-Hourani defeated Plymouth's Doug Eggleston and Jerry Declercq while the number-two team, Bakshi and Foster, triumphed over the brother team of Erik and Clint Kerpalski.

At the number-three spot, Plymouth's Purresh Bhavsar and Nick Mazzocco couldn't keep up with Salem's Pete Bartlett and Dave Isakson. They put up a good fight in the first set but Bartlett and Isakson edged out a 6-4 victory and went on to shut them out in the second, 6-0.

Salem's number-four team of Mo Shahid and Pauel Kargol defeated Brael Yergenran and Chris Koitz in two easy sets (6-1, 6-2).

The Rocks are now 4-1-1 in match play after the Stevenson victory and will take on Walled Lake Central tonight at home.

Northville Mustangs softball outlasts Franklin Patriots

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Northville Mustangs pulled out a close 6-5 win against the Franklin Patriots in softball Monday night.

At the top of the fifth, Northville didn't have a single hit and they were down 1-0, but they managed to knock in four runs to take over the lead. Franklin didn't give up, though, and scored four runs in the bottom of the second to regain the lead, 5-4, according to Northville coach Jean Calabrese.

At the top of the final inning, Kristen Zawacki nailed a shot to the shortstop who, in turn, overthrew first base, allowing Zawacki to head to second. Bridget Hughes stepped up to bat and hit a base hit to send her to first and Zawacki to third.

Jane Kruszewski stepped to the plate and hit a line-drive double to send in Zawacki and Hughes for scores. The runs made it a 6-5 game in favor of the Mustangs.

Northville's defense held Franklin scoreless at the bottom of the seventh inning. Leftfielder Emily Doren made a great heads-up play to bring in a fly ball to end the game, Calabrese said.

Kruszewski earned the win from the mound.

Mustangs 4, Rockets 1

Northville also found success against the John Glenn Rockets in Westland on Friday night.

Lisa Mueller pitched a three-hitter with five strikeouts to record the 4-1 victory.

"(Mueller) pitched very, very well," Calabrese said. "She kept throwing strikes all day and when the ball was put into play all we had to do was make the plays.

John Glenn is a very much improved team," she added. "I was real impressed with our team's performance. We were hitting the ball well, which was nice since our bats were silent for a few games."

Kim Larson had two hits on the day. Kim Bagian added a hit with an RBI.

Mustangs 2, Titans 7

Northville's bats were silent for their meeting against the Southgate Titans last Thursday.

They didn't have any hits in the game but still scored two runs.

"You can see that we are hitting the ball," Calabrese said. "We're just not sending it anywhere."

They had a similar problem the night before when they faced Walled Lake Northern and fell, 6-3. They hit the ball better with Laura Zema going 2-3 with two RBIs. Erin Fleishaker and Suzie Boll both had solid days at the plate, according to assistant coach Jim Long.

Kruszewski recorded 12 strikeouts in the loss.

Northvile hosted Stevenson on Wednesday but the results were unavailable by press time. They take to home field advantage again tonight against Walled Lake Western and will take part in the Canton varsity tournament on Saturday.

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97. Cottages for Rent
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111. Out of State Property
112. Commercial Lease
113. Real Estate Wanted
114. Auto Accessories
115. Autos for Sale
116. Antique & Classic Cars
117. Trucks & Vans for Sale
118. Handicapped Vehicles
119. Auto Repairs
120. Motorcycles
121. Autos Wanted

2. In Memoriam

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56. Garage Sales

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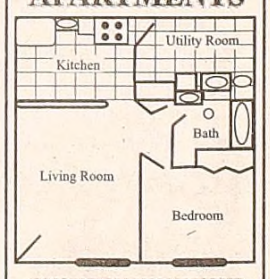

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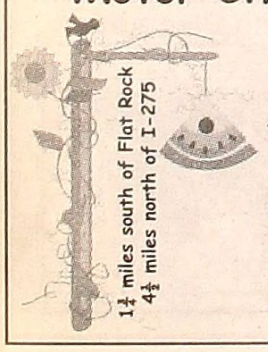

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59. Auctions

Notice of Public Sale, pursuant to State Law, A sale will be held on May 18, 2004 at 1:00 pm on the contents of the following Units:
A-2= Toya Peterson, Chairs, VCR, Desk
B-31= Christopher Zamora= Computer, stove, 3 bikes, boxes, vaccum, golf clubs
CI-20= Lance Hawkins= Boxes, bags, lamp, box spring, fan, tool box
E-18= Susan Tkachuk= boxes, crib, chairs
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CITY OF WESTLAND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On May 11, 2004 the Westland Police Department will conduct public auctions of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The first auction will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. at Westland Service Towing, 37501 Cherry Hill, Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

2001 Hyundai Accent
4 Door- Black
KMHCG45C41U207144
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4 Door- Red
1FMDU34X2NUA11057
1992 GMC Safari
St-wagon- Tan
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The second auction will begin promptly at 11:00 a.m. at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Rd, Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

1991 Chevy Lumina
4 Door- Gray
2G1WL54T8M9236211
2003 Chevy Suburban
SW- Black
3GNGK26G03G125550
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1LNCM81W1MY770309
1986 Ford F-150
Pickup- Blue
1FTEX15N7GKA97790
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1989 Ford Aerostar
Van- Blue
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1991 Ford Escort
2 Door- Red
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All vehicles are sold in "as is" condition. Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

30 DAY NOTICE OF AUCTION
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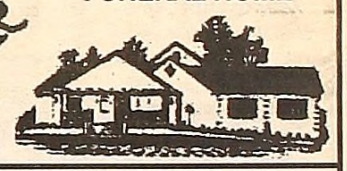

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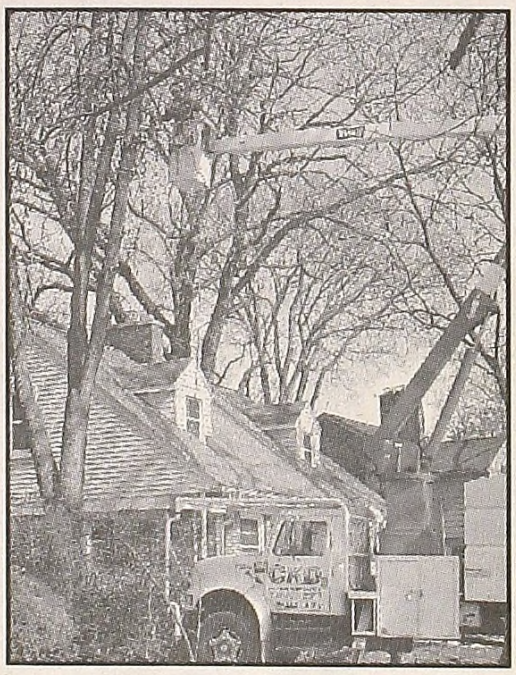

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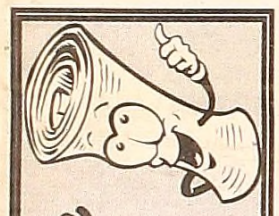

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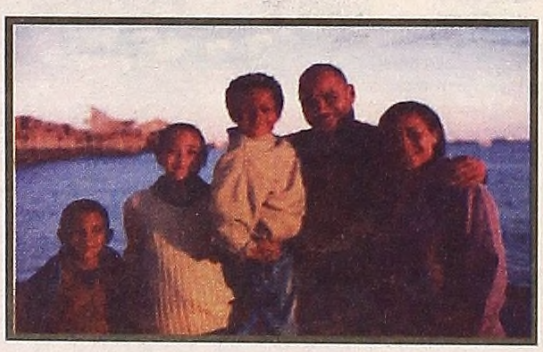

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